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## FOUR DEATHS IN LOCAL FIELD THIS WEEK.

MRS. ADELINE RICE, AGE 81, DIES  
AT HOME NEAR  
LOUISA.

Mrs. Adeline Rice, one of the oldest and best known residents of this part of the county, died at her home near the mouth of Two Mile creek Tuesday night. She was buried near the old home Thursday afternoon, funeral services being conducted by Revs. French Rice and H. H. Howlett. She was 81 years old, and leaves a large number of descendants and other relatives. She was a daughter of the late John Crutcher and widow of Jake Rice, a prominent lawyer and Mason, who at one time was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Mrs. Rice had been in poor health for a number of years, more than once seemingly at the very door of death, but her demise was quite unexpected. She was fairly well for several days preceding her passing, but the last call was not long in being answered.

"Aunt Ad" was a familiar figure in life of her neighborhood, known to hundreds of people. Just now it is impossible to give fuller details, but they will be forthcoming.

James Gaines.  
"Jamie" Gaines, son of Harmon and Fanny Gaines, (both deceased) died Sunday, Dec. 19th, aged 23 years, 7 months and 5 days. The funeral services were held in the Hulet Branch school house, conducted by the Rev. L. M. Copley. Interment was made in the Gaines burial ground, Fallsburg, with the honors of Odd Fellowship. The deceased was unmarried.

Mrs. Cora Hutchison Pigg.  
On Monday night last Mrs. James O. Pigg, aged about 32 years, died at her home near the mouth of Little Blaine. Interment was made in the Hulet Branch graveyard on Wednesday morning, after services conducted by the Revs. Landay and William Copley. The deceased is survived by her husband and three children. Details later.

Mrs. Mary Parsons.  
Mrs. Mary Parsons died suddenly at the home of Wm. H. H. on East Fork, in this county, on Wednesday night of this week. The time of her death is not known, as it occurred in bed, long after all had retired. Mrs. Parsons had lived with this family for a long time. A child was sleeping with her at the time of her death and it was the crying of this child that finally took some member of the family to the bedside. It was then discovered that Mrs. Parsons was dead. She was past middle age.

YOUNG LAWRENCE COUNTY  
LAWYER MAKING HIS MARK.

The Winchester Democrat says: The most important case that will come before the Circuit Court during its present December term, in fact the only real interesting trial on the docket for this term, is the case of the Commonwealth vs. James A. Wallace which was transferred to this county from Estill county on a change of venue. This case will be called on Tuesday, December 21, at 9 a. m., and it is expected that the entire day will be consumed in its hearing as there are a great number of witnesses subpoenaed for both the Commonwealth and the defendant.

This case arose out of the Wallace-Chaney-Underwood assassination at Irvine, Kentucky, last February. Houston Underwood was killed in his door, according to the testimony introduced by the Commonwealth, and was killed. For this killing T. Q. Wallace, a brother of James A., and Frank Chaney were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Frankfort and this sentence was appealed by the defendants but was affirmed last week by the Court of Appeals.

The Wallace family is a prominent and wealthy one of Central Kentucky. The defendant, James A. Wallace, is a wealthy banker and farmer and is reputed to be the wealthiest man in Estill county. He was a candidate in the Republican primary of this year for State Treasurer and made a splendid race. He has retained as his counsel for his trial, Attorney Herbert H. Moore, of the local bar, who although a very young man is fast taking rank as one of the ablest and most eloquent attorneys of the State.

GASOLINE PLANT  
FOR CATLETTSBURG.

A one hundred thousand dollar purchasing plant which will manufacture gasoline and other petroleum by-products and which will employ in the neighborhood of one hundred men will be erected as soon as possible just above Catlettsburg.

The land for the plant has already been purchased and application was made this morning for permission to lay a switch across the county road.

Several Huntington men and eastern capitalists, whose names are withheld at the present have purchased eleven acres of ground across from the large pumping station of the United Fuel Gas Company, paying \$2500 for the same. The land was purchased of Mr. Mackney, who formerly engaged in the hotel business in Catlettsburg.

The demand for gasoline is very heavy and the price has gone up to twenty cents.

Born, Thursday, to Milt Diamond and wife, a son.

## ILLITERACY COMMISSION WILL ASK FOR STATE AID.

The Kentucky Illiteracy Commission will ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$20,000 to carry on its work for the next four years, or until the legislature of 1920 assembles. Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, president of the commission, was in Lexington yesterday and said that, in her opinion, the value of the work has been demonstrated, since sixteen states had followed the lead of Kentucky in the movement to eradicate illiteracy and the question of its continuance, she added, was now up to the legislature.

The members of the commission receive no salary and even pay their own expenses and Mrs. Stewart for two years has devoted her private means to the work, whose only financial backing has been the donations and subscriptions of public-spirited men and women of Kentucky. She also praised the unselfish work of the teachers who had given their time to the moonlight schools and expressed gratitude for the assistance rendered by the Kentucky Press, which has been unflinching in its advocacy of the moonlight school work and which, she said, had been of inestimable value to the movement.

"I am quite sure that Governor Stanley is friendly to our work," said Mrs. Stewart, "for he defended ably the action of the McCleary administration in establishing the commission while making his winning campaign for Governor and gave our work high praise. We hope to have his earnest and efficient support. We also are assured of the support of the press, which has been no small factor in the success of the movement so far."

## ASHLAND MAN'S APPLICATION FOR POSTMASTERSHIP FILED.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Application of Cyrus M. Preston, a miller of Ashland, for postmaster, was filed at the Post-office Department to-day by Judge J. F. Hager, also of Ashland. In addition to Mr. Preston's formal application Judge Hager presented a petition of citizens of Ashland in behalf of the candidate, and stated that Mr. Preston had the endorsement of Representative W. J. Fields and both Senators from Kentucky.

## SUFFOCATED BY FUMES OF GAS.

EDWIN CASTLE, DEAF MUTE OF  
PAINTSVILLE, DIES AT  
HUNTINGTON.

Fumes from burned gas were responsible for the death of E. E. Castle, 35 years old, of Paintsville, who was found in his room at a local hotel Sunday morning.

Castle is supposed to have turned the gas fire too high when he laid down across his bed Saturday night. In the morning the gas fumes were detected in the halls of the hotel by a chamber maid and an investigation made.

The heat of the room was so intense that the door knob of the room was almost too hot to hold. The body was prepared for burial at the Johnston Undertaking morgue and shipped to Paintsville for burial.

Castle's people are engaged in the undertaking business at Paintsville, being survived by a father and several brothers and sisters.—Herald-Dispatch.

Edwin Castle was a son of Mr. John Castle, and a nephew of Mr. George Castle, of this city. He was a deaf mute, 29 years old, had been married but was divorced, and had one child, who survives him. He had passed the night in the hotel where he died, but rose very early, paid for the room and went out. He shortly afterwards returned and lay down on the bed without undressing. The fire was burning and the door and all the windows were shut. When found one arm was extended toward the fire, as if to turn off the gas. He lay so close to the fire that the breast and one shoulder were burned. The body was taken Monday to Paintsville, where interment was made on Tuesday.

## TRAIN FROM MOUNTAINS TWELVE HOURS LATE.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20.—The passenger train on the L. & E. from Mt. Roberts, due to arrive at 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon, did not reach here till 1:45 o'clock this morning eleven hours and twenty-five minutes late, and the passengers, who had been twenty hours and five minutes on the road, and had to subsist on cheese and crackers and similar articles which they could buy at the mountain stores, and could only catch what sleep they could get in the seats, were almost exhausted. The run is usually made in eight hours and forty minutes. The delay was caused by washouts and floods, which extend all through Eastern Kentucky.

## CONDUCTED FUNERAL.

Rev. R. French Rice, called on friends here Monday and went to Huntington to visit Jacob Rice, also his daughter, Mrs. Sam Wheeler. Rev. Rice was called here to conduct the funeral of James David Rice which occurred at his home at Normal Monday. Decedent, was fifty-three years old. He is survived by a wife, one son and four daughters. He has been ill for a long time and was an earnest Christian. He was a half brother of Ed. Rice and French Rice of this city. Burial took place in the Neal Grave Yard, near the South Side.—Catlettsburg Dept. Independent.

## KENTUCKY PETROLEUM REACHES RECORD MARK.

PRICE IS TWICE THAT OF ONE  
YEAR AGO FOR CRUDE  
OIL.

Harboursville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Kentucky petroleum received another boost during the week just closed, with marked advances of 5 and 2 cents a barrel on the light and heavy grades, respectively. Fields embraced in Wayne, Lawrence, Morgan and Wolfe counties are included in the 5-cent advance, the 2-cent advance applying to the production of the Bath-Rowan field. The small independent production of scattered districts are also benefited by the rising market.

Kentucky's better grade production, which includes nine-tenths of the total yield, now commands \$1.55 a barrel, an advance during the past six months of 75 cents a barrel. The prevailing quotation is the best ever made on Kentucky petroleum. Operators, realizing just about twice for their production over the figures of last spring, are on edge for the further prosecution of developments.

Bad weather, with floods in the lowlands, has somewhat retarded the movement of the drill during the past week, with few completions reported, and little activity shown in the starting of new tests. As it is, however, more rigs are in operation than ever the number in commission totaling nearly forty.

The week's completed work includes three producers in Wayne-co., with an aggregate yield of thirty barrels; one in Lawrence-co., producing ten barrels; a strike of similar capacity in Wolfe-co., and a brace of completions in Scott-co., one a failure and the other a moderate producer. In new work under way a dozen or more Kentucky-Tennessee counties are included.

The chances for a great revival of activity in the Kentucky-Tennessee fields are increased by the combination of high prices and promising territory. In new work planned a number of tests will be drilled between Wayne-co., Kentucky, and the Onida pool of Scott-co., Tennessee, a virgin territory of twenty miles' extent. A half dozen deep wells will be drilled between the old Knox and Whitley pools. Other proposed work includes several tests for the Big Sandy country bordering West Virginia. Allen county operators are making preparations to start new work, while activity is on the increase in the old Estill-co. field.

The appeal in the bitterly contested litigation of Joseph H. and John H. Estep vs. the Kentland Coal and Coke Company, Alma Coal Company, James E. and Charles E. Heller, was filed in the United States circuit of appeals here from the United States district court at Catlettsburg, Ky.

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## UNKNOWN HERO GOES TO HIS DEATH.

An unknown hero went to his death in the swirling waters of the Guyandotte river at nine o'clock yesterday morning when the new steel bridge at Ranger, Lincoln-co., collapsed.

Standing in the center of the main span, he was working desperately to save at least a part of the structure, when an avalanche of logs, riding the crest of a freshet, came hurtling down upon him.

In a twinkling, as it were, he disappeared in a maelstrom of twisted iron, splintered wood and yellow water.

The stranger had refused to heed frantic warnings from a dozen or more bridge workers who had fled for their lives to the shore.

## SAD DEATH OF WELL KNOWN PIKE COUNTY LADY.

News reached the city to-day of the death of Mrs. Talby Smith at Pinson Fork, Ky. Mr. Talby Smith is a well known business man in Pike-co. and also in Mingo. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John May, of Pinson Fork. She was only nineteen years of age. Mrs. Smith had two children, one two years old and a three months old baby. Her death was a shock to her numerous friends here in Williamson and in Pike-co., as no one knew she was so ill. Quite a number of friends from Williamson went on the early Pond creek train to attend the funeral and burial services to be held at the family cemetery near Peg, Ky., to-day. The many friends of the bereaved family extend to them their sympathy.—Williamson News.

## BIG RISE IN THE RIVER.

The heavy rains of last week caused the Big Sandy to reach the 35 foot mark. Part of the flood came quite unexpectedly, but no damage was caused by it here. A very large number of rafts and loose timber passed this point but no statistics as to quantity are now available.

## FIELDS FINDS SENTIMENT FOR DEFENSE PROGRAMME.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative W. J. Fields, member of the Committee on Military Affairs, who returned here to-day from Catlettsburg, is convinced that the country is in sympathy with the national preparedness programme of President Wilson. He came to this conclusion after taking a poll of the thirty-five men aboard the three sleeping cars attached to Chesapeake & Ohio train No. 2, that arrived here this morning.

"On my way up from Kentucky, I carefully questioned each man in the Pullman cars," explained the Kentucky man. "Thirty of the thirty-five men, seven of whom are traveling salesmen and have been in nearly every State in the Union in the last few weeks, said they found overwhelming sentiment in favor of national preparedness. Two men told me they found that sentiment for and against increased armaments was about equally divided and three said their observation was that public opinion seemed to be against the national defense program. The men were from Kentucky, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, California and Alabama. The politics of these men was nearly equally divided."

## REV. AKERS SICK.

It is reported that Rev. B. S. Akers, of Ceredo is seriously ill at his home. He is well known to the people of every section of this county, having held revivals or conducted funerals in most parts of the county. He is a minister of the Baptist denomination and holds license in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia to solemnize the rites of matrimony.

His many friends and relatives will hear with deep regret the sad news of his affliction.—Wayne News.

## MRS. MARCUM BETTER.

Mrs. John S. Marcum, one of Huntington's best known women, whose serious illness was announced yesterday, is now much improved. She has been suffering from a severe attack of grip and for a time it was feared that she might develop pneumonia.—Huntington-Herald Dispatch.

## \$10,000 FROM THE TITANIC COMPANY

SETTLEMENT WITH MRS. ELOISE  
HUGHES DANIEL PROBABLE  
ON THIS BASIS.

Mrs. Robert W. Daniel, of Philadelphia, nee Mrs. Mary Eloise Hughes, of Huntington, sister of Mrs. Harold Vansant, of Ashland, will receive approximately \$10,000 from the White Star Line in settlement of her claim for damages caused by the sinking of the Titanic, on April 15, 1912, according to estimates based on advices received from New York through the Associated Press. Mrs. Daniel, then a bride of a few weeks, was a passenger on the Titanic when the great vessel sank after striking an iceberg in the North Atlantic, and her young husband, Lucien P. Smith, of Unlontown, Pa., was among those who perished. They were on their way home from Egypt which they visited on their honeymoon journey. The bride was saved and afterwards bore a posthumous heir, Lucien P. Smith, Jr. It was prior to birth of her son that she filed a claim against the White Star Company for \$50,000, demanding \$25,000 for personal and punitive damages. Recently she was offered \$7,000 in settlement of her claims against the White Star Line but is understood to have refused to accept this amount. Relatives indicated the opinion that if the offer approximately \$10,000 Mrs. Daniel would accept.

She is no longer a resident of Huntington, having married last year to Robert W. Daniel, of Philadelphia, who was also a passenger on the Titanic and who was picked up out of the sea by a life buoy after he had fallen from the ill-fated ship. She is expected here next week to spend the holidays with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. James A. Hughes at their residence in Westmoreland.—Herald-Dispatch.

## BADLY BURNED.

Late on last Monday afternoon Dr. J. A. Wellman received a call to go to the home of William Hall, who lives on Rockcastle creek, near the mouth of Big Laurel, to attend some men who had been badly burned. He went up as soon as possible and rendered the necessary aid. The two men, with a couple of others, had been pumping oil at the Cumberland Pipe line, and had gotten into a boat to cross the creek and go to the place where they boarded. Some oil had escaped into the creek, and one of the men said he would see if the stuff would burn. He was told that it would be dangerous, but he struck a match and threw it into the water. Instantly an explosion followed, and two men were seriously burned. The worst injured is Homer Whitt, of Salsberyville. The other man, whose name could not be learned, is not so badly burned. Arnett's back and the lower part of his body are almost a mass of burns. He will recover.

## OIL GOES TO \$1.55.

Oil has advanced five cents per barrel in Kentucky within the last few days, making the price \$1.55.

Development is being stimulated to a considerable extent in the various fields.

## WORKING CONVICTS ON THE PUBLIC ROADS.

INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN OF  
PRISON COMMISSION ON  
THIS SUBJECT.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—Only one prison will be needed in Kentucky if the convict labor amendment is properly put into execution by the State Government, in the opinion of E. O'Sullivan, chairman of the Prison Commission, in a statement on this subject to-day, in which he declares he values only his personal opinion. He said in part:

"With the exception of the tax and debt problem, the most important question that confronts Gov. Stanley and the General Assembly is the matter of convict labor."

"The members of the Legislature, no matter how earnest or intelligent, will not be prepared to pass an adequate law until they have acquainted themselves with the experience of other States. The success of road building with convict labor must be determined by the needs of the particular locality, its ability to finance the work, the material that the various counties are able to supply and the climatic conditions, which, after all, may be the determining factor. In Georgia, for instance, where an admirable system of roads is being built with convict labor, the prisoners work every day in the year, while in Kentucky the season for outside work would not exceed nine months. What is going to be done with the men during this period?"

Manufacturing Suggested.

"Some will say return them to the prisons and put them to work making various articles for State use. That is a good suggestion if it can be worked out practically. If the State thus goes into the manufacturing business it will have to provide machinery and expert foremen to teach the men the particular trade they must learn before their work will be of value. It will be asked how the convict can become an expert mechanic in three months, after spending nine months of the year quarrying rock or working on the roads? That is a question the Legislature and the new Prison Commissioners must answer."

It is agreed that only a certain percentage of the convicts can be trusted in prison camps and on public roads without being worked in chains. In some States all the prisoners are worked in the open; in other States the men are carefully selected by the wardens, and, even then, many of them escape. Kentucky can only learn by experience. Often life-men can be trusted outside the walls without guards when a petty thief, or housebreaker, could not be trusted at all. The personal equation must be considered in dealing with convicts. Those guilty of the worst crimes frequently have a high sense of humor."

## OTHER STATES VISITED.

"Two years ago the Prison Commissioners visited the States of Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia and made a thorough study of the being worked out in those States. We have gathered full information from all the other States where the contract labor system in prisons has been abolished. These facts are too voluminous to be embodied in this brief statement, but we will be glad to co-operate with Gov. Stanley and the coming General Assembly in any plans they may have for writing into the laws of the State the mandate of the Constitution, and will furnish them with all the information in our possession, together with our individual views on convict labor gained from more than three years' experience."

"Owing to the contracts now in force there will be only a few hundred men who can be worked on the public roads in 1916 and they will not be available until July or August. In the summer of 1917 all contracts for prison labor will have expired save the Hoke-Montgomery contract for the labor of 400 prisoners, which will remain in force until January, 1919, under a contract made with the former prison population, with the exception of the 400 held by the above contract, to be assigned to road work, or within the prison walls manufacturing articles for the State."

## MUST DEVISE PLAN.

"The coming Legislature must devise a plan that will keep approximately 1,800 prisoners profitably employed. The Prison Commissioners derive their power from the General Assembly and whatever laws are passed on this subject must be comprehensive. This is a good place to say that the laws now on the statute books governing the prisoners are inadequate, carelessly written, often contradictory, and very much in need of complete revision."

"If great care is not shown the change from the contract system will entail great loss on the State. The average yearly expense of running the two prisons is as follows: Frankfort reformatory, \$215,000; Eddyville penitentiary, \$125,000. The question arises as will it be necessary to maintain two prisons when the convicts are placed on the road? At Frankfort the population is over 1,400, but when the road camps are established there will be only 400 men under contract there, and such other prisoners as are employed in the kitchens, dining-rooms, etc. This will leave room for fully 900 men. At Eddyville there will be no men under contract."

## THE BUSINESS WAY.

"If the State was run as a business enterprise by business men, at the first

meeting of the board of directors the order would go out to reduce expenses by closing one of the prisons, and save the State at least \$75,000 a year. This suggestion will naturally not be received with favor either at Eddyville or Frankfort. However, it is plain that when the convicts are put on the roads we will need only one prison. It is up to the Legislature to find a way out of the difficulty."

"From the short conference I have had with Gov. Stanley I feel confident that he will bring to the prison problem an inquiring, trained mind and a sincere purpose to deal with it as a business proposition, without reference to any political expediency that may arise. He is going to demand efficiency in every department, and his present plans are as comprehensive as they are practical."

## DEFUNCT BANK WILL MAKE DISTRIBUTION.

The best news which the Independent has been able to hand its readers in a long while will be contained in the following little item:

Mr. John Russell, who is in charge of the affairs of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., telephoned us this morning that he wanted us to please state in the Independent to-day that the third distribution of 25 per cent would be paid to the depositors of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. on Wednesday, January 6, 1916. He also said that this would mean the distribution of something over \$90,000 on this date.

This makes the third distribution of 25 per cent or 75 per cent all told, that has been paid by the Citizens Bank. This would indicate that the depositors in this bank will all be pretty well paid by the time its affairs are entirely closed up. The men in charge of its affairs, Mr. Chas. Russell, Special Deputy Banking Commissioner, his assistant, Mr. John Russell, and their legal adviser Judge John F. Hager, are all to be complimented for the splendid manner in which the affairs of this bank have been handled. The payment of \$90,000 to the people of Ashland and surrounding community will be a splendid New Year's present and will start the new year in Ashland with such a boom that we feel it will continue for the entire period of 1916.—Ashland Independent.

## RUMORS OF NEW RAILROAD IN VALLEY

The B. & O. railroad has a corps of engineers at work along the Levisa fork of Big Sandy river, in the vicinity of Pikeville. They are working down the river. It is reported that some rights of way have been purchased near the mouth of Shelby.

Rumors of the building of a line from Shelby to the Ohio river, or at least to a connection at Louisa, are very persistent.

A route along this entire valley is planned on file in the clerks offices of the various counties, and the rights thus assured belong to the B. & O. railroad. This company has purchased rights of way at various places along this route. The line from the mouth of Shelby to Jenkins, 23 miles, is owned by the B. & O. These and other facts are very strong grounds for the belief that the Baltimore & Ohio will construct its own line along the Big Sandy.

The great coal fields of this valley will furnish all the business that can be handled by two lines.

## SEEK TO ENLARGE C. & O. HOSPITAL.

Chesapeake & Ohio officials are considering an enlargement to the local railway hospital. It was learned from authentic sources yesterday, although no statement was made as to the extent of the improvements. Hospital authorities admit the necessity for the enlargement.

President George W. Stevens, of the railway and W. T. Oppenheim, of Richmond, chief of the medical staff, will be in Huntington Friday on a general inspection. They will visit the hospital.

The high officials will look over the hospital at this time with a view to considering the advisability and possibility of improvements as contemplated. Other members of the medical corps will be here Friday.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

President Stevens and the directors of the C. & O. went to Shelby Saturday night and returned Sunday to Ashland.

## PRASE FOR AN ASHLAND GIRL.

Miss Helene Hackworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hackworth, of this city, made quite a hit in Huntington last night in her difficult part as Josephine in the Opera "Pinafore" at the Hippodrome Theater. Some of the best musicians in this section took part, but Miss Hackworth was equal to the occasion and did her part well. In speaking of it the Herald-Dispatch says:

"Miss Helene Hackworth, of Ashland, as Josephine, won bright laurels. Miss Hackworth has a rich soprano voice of perfect clarity and a range and flexibility which difficult passages in a satisfying manner. Her singing was one of the most pleasing parts of the performance."

Miss Helene's mother was before marriage Miss Florida Eves, a popular Louisa girl.





We Have a Lot of things

SUITABLE FOR

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

AND THE BEAUTY ABOUT THE MATTER IS THAT THEY ARE ALL USEFUL AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL. WE HEARD A MOTHER ASK HER SON RECENTLY WHAT HE WANTED FOR XMAS. HE PROMPTLY REPLIED, JUST ANYTHING NICE TO WEAR, FROM A SUIT OF CLOTHES OR OVER-COAT DOWN TO A COLLAR BUTTON.

IN BETWEEN THERE YOU WILL FIND IN OUR STOCK, SHIRTS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS, SOCKS, SHOES, HATS, UNDERWEAR, SUSPENDERS, HOSE SUPPORTERS, ALSO, SUIT CASES, SATCHELS, TRUNKS, UMBRELLAS.

W. L. FERGUSON

LOUISA, KENTUCKY

## WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS OF NEWS.

### No Change in Primary Date

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—West Virginia's state wide primary election will be held June 6, 1916. Under a law passed by the last legislature but two parties, Republican and Democratic, will have tickets in the field, they being the only two which cast more than five percent of the total vote in the last general election. Other parties may be represented in the primary only by petition containing five percent of the total vote cast at the last election.

A nominee for the United States Senate all state, half the legislature, and all of the county office nominees will be selected by each party. Activities on the part of the old line parties have been preliminary up to now, and but little further will be done before January 1, about which time it is expected further avowals of candidacy will be made by aspirants. The Republicans so far have announced in greater number for office than have the Democrats.

Prohibitionists, Progressives and Socialists have announced the intention of circulating petitions so as to be able to have tickets in the field, or endeavor to have the supreme court pass upon the constitutionality of the legislative act making it impossible for them to participate in the primary.

### Suit Case Brigade From Up Guyan Goes to Catlettburg.

Like the march of nearly half a regiment of soldiers was the parade of nearly three hundred men, a suit case brigade, which arrived in the city on the Guyan Valley train of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway last night, and took the street cars for Catlettburg.

So astonishing was the big crowd of men all with empty suit cases, although the sight is a common one, pedestrians actually stopped and stared.

As Monday the railways may possibly put into effect an order practically barring the carrying of liquor in any quantities it is believed that the Guyan Valley "gang" is getting ready for the drought.

And then too, Christmas is coming, and the foreigners in the coal fields are wont to celebrate on this holiday more elaborately than any other time of the year. Nearly all of those who made up the suit case brigade last night were observed to be foreigners.

### Williamson Case is Again Decided.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—A former decision of the supreme court, upholding the constitutionality of the legislative act creating a commission form of government for the city of Williamson, was affirmed by the court today, after another hearing. Counsel for the elected officers of the city were given time in which to file a petition asking for an appeal to the United States supreme court.

### Freight Claims Victim.

Fred Walker, a 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Walker, of Ceredo, was instantly killed Sunday, when he attempted to board a moving freight train. An inquest was held by Coroner A. B. Brown.

The same old story. When will young men learn to keep off of moving freight trains. A good many young men at Wayne and other points follow this habit. This may be their fate some day.

### Appeal Swan Case to the President.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—After Judge B. F. Keller, of Federal court, today overruled a motion to set aside the verdict of his court in the white slave case of Mrs. May Sman, her attorneys declared they would appeal to President Wilson to pardon their client. She was convicted of having transported a Charleston girl to Ashland, Ky., and is under sentence of thirteen months in the penitentiary.

### Death Calls Henry Hatten.

Henry Hatten of Neal, aged 60 died Friday, Dec. 10, of pneumonia. Funeral services were held by Rev. Follen and Rev. Murray of Ceredo Sunday morning.

The deceased was a member of Ceredo Lodge I. O. O. F. and funeral ceremonies of the order were held prior to the burial of the body.

Mr. Hatten is survived by his wife and four children, Miss Louise, and Messrs. Harry, Raymond and Frank. They all reside at their father's home.

## LETCHER COUNTY AND WHITESBURG.

### What is Happening in this Rich Coal Territory of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, Ky., Dec. 23.—The past week was a record breaker in point of tides, heavy rains, snow, ice, sleet and mud, and as a result development work of all kinds is practically at a standstill in the coal fields. The first of the week there was heavy snow, while rain began falling early Wednesday and continued uninterrupted until in the afternoon of Thursday swelling the North Fork of Kentucky river and its tributaries into a flood tide, the largest tide in several years. Thousands of saw logs were floated down the river to the big mills below, which will guarantee their operation for several months. Scarcely had the waters receded when Friday evening rain began falling again, continuing until Saturday morning bringing another flood tide in all mountain streams.

In both tides great damage was wrought along the North Fork, especially to the L. & E. branch of the L. & N. railroad and telephone and telegraph lines. Passenger service has been greatly impaired by slips and slides along the river and damage to bridges, trains running from three to five hours late. The day train from Jackson failed entirely two days to make the run. Practically all freight trains and coal trains are standing idle, and as a result no coal has gone out from the Elkhorn and Boone's Fork coal fields since Wednesday, greatly hampering business conditions throughout this section. Some of the mining camps are greatly in need of provisions and supplies and are unable to get them. It is expected, however, by Wednesday or Thursday that freight trains and coal trains will be able to resume, that the roadbed will be put into condition by that time that will warrant the operation of all trains. The main part of the damage is between Jackson and Hazard, while the damage is not so severe above Hazard. Hundreds of hands are working day and night to get the roadbed in order for the resumption of all traffic. Other railroads in Eastern Kentucky suffered much, but it is likely that the L. & N. was the heaviest loser. During the high tides both telephone and telegraph service was practically out of commission. Houses all along the North Fork were flooded. A part of Neom, a business center in the coal fields was under water.

It is reported from Carr's Fork west of here that a small child of Amanda Thornberry, a farmer, was so severely burned that it died within a few hours. A similar circumstance took place on the headwaters of Beaver creek when a 2-year-old child of Stubs Hall was burned to death. In each occurrence the children's clothing caught fire from open grates. The parents have the sympathy of the respective communities.

While riding horse across the mountains from Appalachia, Va., Emmett Collins formerly of this county was seriously hurt when his horse fell with him, breaking several of his ribs and otherwise severely injuring him. Collins was said to be unconscious for some time.

It is reported that the construction of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co. (The Bell system) are to start the work of constructing their long distance lines through the coal fields via this city, which have been planned for some time. It is said the work will be rushed rapidly forward. Eastern Kentucky awaits with much anxiety this much needed convenience.

Mr. H. B. Franklin of the Letcher Building and Supply Co., here has just purchased property in Lewis addition this city and will start work at once on a large warehouse and other buildings to be used by his company. This will become one of Whitesburg's leading industries and fills a long felt want.

W. L. McDyer of the Kentucky State Road Engineer's Department was here a few days ago from Frankfort looking over the splendid good road work going on around Whitesburg, and expressed himself highly pleased with the work being done, saying that it was the equal of any work in the State. Letcher county will continue to precede the work started until the county will lead the whole of Eastern Kentucky in good roads, roads of which she will be proud indeed.

Mrs. S. C. Davis the venerable mother of Karl E. Davis of The East Kentucky News, was stricken a few days ago with paralysis and is now in a very serious condition at the home of her son in lower Main-st. Every possible effort is being made to restore her, however, and it is hoped there will come a change for the better. Mrs. Davis is one of Whitesburg's best old women.

Isam H. Cundill a prosperous farmer of the David section of the county fell a day or so ago and broke his leg immediately above the knee, otherwise severely injuring himself. He is not expected to live, being in a serious condition, according to physicians.

Mrs. Annie Hack, aged about 60, one of the best loved christian women of the David creek section of the county and widow of the late Henry Hack, died a few days ago after an illness of a few weeks. She leaves many relatives and friends throughout the lower section of the county. Her death is widely mourned.

James Murr, a brackennan on the L. & N. regular local freight was run over early last week near McRoberts and was perhaps fatally injured. He was taken to Jackson in care of Dr. D. F. Smith of this city for treatment in a hospital.

Through the endorsement of Senator Ollie M. James N. M. Webb has been re-appointed postmaster at Whitesburg for another four years, and, within the next day or so the Senator will confirm his appointment. Soon after Mr. Webb took charge of the office it was made a presidential office mainly upon his own efforts.

He is regarded as a splendid official and is making a good postmaster. Information from Knott county is to the effect that Uncle Tom Hammons formerly of this county and father of E. A. Hammons is seriously ill and is not expected to live. He is in his nine-tenth year and very frail and feeble. Uncle Tom has a legion of friends in Letcher county who are trusting that he will yet rally.

Mr. C. H. Burton, of this city received a telegram a day or two ago from Lake Charles, La., telling of the serious illness of Miss Blanch Burton Reese, who has many friends here who were made during her stay in Whitesburg several years ago.

U. S. Commissioner Samuel Collins and others of this city have just returned from Catlettburg where they attended an important term of the U. S. Court. A number of important cases were tried out.

Friday at McRoberts Mr. Basil M. Webb, aged 20, son of Jason L. Webb was married to Miss Jennie Spangler, aged 18, daughter of Sinclair Spangler of Hitton Fork, Eld. Joseph Craft officiating. Only a few invited friends were present. They will reside in McRoberts.

It is said that the L. & E. express is carrying large numbers of whiskey shipments which are being ordered for the Christmas and New Year debauchery. Little and unworthy is the man who will order whiskey with which to celebrate Christmas. Shame upon him, but there are thousands all over this broad land who curse this day of all days with blood and tears and do not think of the awfulness of it. No wonder crime, misery and want stalks the land.

The Letcher Building & Supply Co., through their representatives R. H. Franklin, Wilson Franklin and Mr. Brown have just completed, right and on time, a splendid drug store building at Neom for Dr. H. F. Smith.—The Neom Drug Co. This is one of the best buildings in Neom.

Since the opening of the main Elkhorn vein of coal by Wilson Fields just back of Whitesburg others have spent much time in their efforts to locate the same vein upon their properties. Mr. Fields is considered lucky by finding the Elkhorn vein.

LETTER, MAILED 50 YEARS AGO IS JUST RECEIVED.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—A letter written by the Rev. Samuel Ward, of Neoga, Illinois, November 6, 1869, the day he cast a ballot for "Good Abe Lincoln," was received through the mails here today by Professor W. D. Ward, of Occident College, a son of H. C. Ward, of Zanesville, Ohio, the man to whom it was addressed. Where the letter went after it was mailed will remain a mystery.

The next postmark after that of Neoga in 1869 is that of College Station, N. Y., August 23, 1910. The letter reached Zanesville last October and after search had been made for the addressee was forwarded here to the professor, who lacks three days of being as old as the letter.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15, 1915. My dear Sir: You, and all persons interested in game and fish protection and conservation, are cordially invited to attend a meeting which will be held in the Elk's building in Frankfort, Kentucky, on January 12, 1916, beginning at 11:00.

**RHEUMATISM ARRESTED** Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system. To arrest rheumatism it is imperative to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-purifier, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and rebuild your strength.

Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss this subject and recommend to the Legislature the enactment of such measures as the Convention decides is needed and will accrue to the greatest good to the greatest number.

Two addresses, not over thirty minutes in length, will be delivered by competent and pleasing speakers. The first address will be upon the subject of needed legislation, and the second upon organization and co-operation. A short interval will be allowed for lunch and the Convention will reconvene for the afternoon session.

We appeal to you to devote this day to game and fish protection and conservation. Come to Frankfort with the determination that you will diligently and without prejudice do that which will guarantee a greater Kentucky. This meeting will be just what you, by your presence and conduct, make it. We appeal to you to let nothing prevent your attendance, and if necessary beg that you will make a sacrifice in order to attend.

Extend this invitation to your interested friends and bring them to the Convention.

KY. GAME & FISH COMMISSION

\$10 A SHOT.

Ten dollars a shot was the price paid by Chemist Shearer, a Madison county negro, who fired five bullets from an automatic pistol into the person of Andy Johnson, also colored during an altercation at Ford on the night of July 31. Shearer was tried in Circuit Court Wednesday on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. The Commonwealth was represented by Attorney H. A. Cratcher, S. T. Davis and Harvey T. Lisle. The defendant was represented by Attorney Herbert H. Moore, who made the plea of self-defense in behalf of the accused negro. The case attracted unusual attention. The fight took place at a dance given by colored people at Ford, this county. The Johnson negro was dangerously wounded and a raid on a suspected "blind tiger" was a sequel to the fight. The defendant claimed that Johnson entered the dance hall in a drunken condition, that when he interfered Johnson opened fire on him, shooting at him twice. Mr. Cratcher spoke in behalf of the Commonwealth, while Mr. Moore spoke for the defendant. Both sides argued an hour. The jury returned a verdict finding the negro \$50 and costs.—Winchester Democrat.

**RUMORS FROM RUSSELL.** A real estate deal of considerable magnitude and one which has much to do with the growth and prosperity of Russell has been pending for some time and bids fair to be consummated in the next few days.

The deal will involve some \$60,000.00 and will mean much to Russell. Cincinnati division will have control of the new Cincinnati Northern when the bridge is completed and a separate pool with Russell as its terminal will be installed. This will mean a big addition of trackage and engine men to be located at Russell. Mallet engines will be used and will run from Russell to Waverly, then over the N. & W. tracks to Valley Junction to connect with the Hocking Valley for the Lakes. All the coal now going over the N. & W. and D. T. & L. that is set off at Kenova will be handled through Russell, and the yards will have to be enlarged to handle the business.

A passenger run from Russell to Waverly will also be put on. This is also going to be a help to Russell the bringing in of many families on account of this new extension.—Russell Times.

**ARE YOU PUZZLED ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS?**

A few suggestions for Christmas gifts to your family and friends are given here, and all of the items are in stock at the Snyder Hardware store:

Locking chairs, Hugs, Brass Beds, Davenport, Center Tables, Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Cut Glass, Kitchen Cutlery, Nickelware in tea and coffee sets, Aluminum ware, dishes in sets and pieces.

Wagons for boys, from 25c to \$250. Children's Chairs 25c ap. Manicure Sets, the practical kind. Flash lights. The boys like these and the men need them.

Safety Razors, Pocket Knives, 21 SNYDER HARDWARE CO.

**We're Opposed to Mail Order Concerns Because—**

They have never contributed a cent to furthering the interests of our town—

Every cent received by them from this community is a direct loss to our merchants—

In almost every case their prices can be met right here, without delay in receiving goods and the possibility of mistakes in filling orders.

**But—**

The natural human trait is to buy where goods are cheapest. Local pride is usually secondary to the game of life as played today.

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The local field is yours. All you need do is to avail yourself of the opportunities offered. An advertisement in this paper will carry your message into hundreds of homes in this community. It is the most medium of killing your greatest competitor. A space this size won't cost much. Come in and see us about it.

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Lv. 2:04 a. m. Daily—For Williamson, Welch, Bluefield, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Richmond, Pullman Sleeper. Cafe Car.

1:55 p. m. Daily—For Williamson, Welch, Bluefield, Roanoke, Norfolk, Richmond, Pullman Sleeper to Norfolk. Cafe Car.

Train leaves Kenova 5:25 a. m. Daily for Williamson, via Wayne, and leaves Kenova 6:45 p. m. for Portsmouth and local stations, and leaves Kenova 6:50 a. m. Daily for Columbus and local stations.

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Effective January 3, 1916.

Local trains leave Louisa, southbound, 8:15 a. m., week days, and 5:12 p. m., daily.

North bound, leave Louisa 9:45 a. m., daily; 5:15 p. m., week days. Arrive Ashland 11:15 a. m., daily; 6:50 p. m., week days.

To Lexington, Louisville and West.

Leave Ashland 1:00 p. m., 4:35 a. m., daily. Local, week days to Lexington, 10:35 a. m.

To Cincinnati and West.

Leave Catlettburg, express, daily, 4:15 a. m., 12:40 p. m., Locals 1:50 p. m., daily.

Leave Ashland, express, daily, 4:25 a. m., 1:00 p. m., Locals, 1:50 p. m., daily.

Eastbound, Main Line.

Leave Ashland, express, daily, 8:00 p. m., 12:30 a. m. Local daily to Huntington, 12:32 p. m.; runs to Huntington week days.

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# PRINCE ALBERT

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is such good tobacco you feel like you could just eat the smoke!



The toppy red bag, 5c

Yes, sir, P. A. puts a razor edge on your smoke-appetite-division that's nobby enough to be photographed! No other pipe and cigarette tobacco can be like Prince Albert, because no other tobacco can be made like Prince Albert. The patented process fixes that—and removes the tongue-bite and throat parch! Let that digest!

And that line of conversation is 24 kt., whether you play P. A. in your old jimmy pipe or roll it into a makin's cigarette. For you can put your little old blue-pencil O. K. right here that Prince Albert is a regular double-header for a single admission—as joy us to your tongue and taste one way as the other!

Will the "rollers" kindly step forward for a spell and get some of this listen into their systems? Because Prince Albert certain and sure jams more joy into a makin's paper than ever before was figured up on two hands!

In the plain language of the hills, you can't any more resist such makin's tobacco than a bullfrog can pass up a piece of red flannel! Because P. A. hands to you everything any cigarette roller ever dreamed-out—rare flavor, and aroma, and mildness, and body; absolutely the best bet—the best smoke

you or any other man ever did roll and put the fire to! Men, we tell you to wise up.

P. A. is crimp cut and stays put—which means rolling P. A. is as easy as falling off a log. And it's good to remember P. A. is put up in the toppy red bag especially for you "rollers." Sells for the price of a jitney ride, 5c.

Now, will the "pipers" kindly open both ears? Here's tobacco that has made it possible for three men to smoke pipes where one smoked before!

Any way you hook it up, Prince Albert is tobacco insurance! Yes, sir, it guarantees your future as well as your present smokings! And just makes your tongue so jimmy pipe joy us that your smoke appetite grows whopping big. You men who "dassn't" we say you go to P. A., natural-like! Because there isn't a bite in a barrel of this national joy smoke.

Unlimber your old jimmy pipe! Dig it out of the dark corner, jam it brimful of P. A. And make fire with a match! Me-o-my!

You get acquainted with Prince Albert in the toppy red bag, 5c; or tidy red tin, 10c, but for the double-back-action-joy, you buy a crystal-glass pound humidor. And then you're set! You see, it has the sponge-moistener top and keeps P. A. at the highest top-notch point of perfection. Prince Albert is also sold in pound and half-pound tin humidors.



The tidy red tin, 10c

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## CATLETTSBURG.

Charley Alley of Adams, is working at J. W. Pack's restaurant at Catlettsburg. J. W. Pack of Catlettsburg has gone to Bluefield, West Va., to news latch on the train. His brother-in-law, Mr. Charley Alley is staying with his wife and helping her run the restaurant. Mrs. Jennie Daniel, who has been visiting her parents at Paintsville, has returned to her home at Catlettsburg. Rev. Hulet of Louisa, was in Catlettsburg Wednesday. Mrs. Elsie Diles of Hampton City, was visiting Mrs. Mae Pack Tuesday. Jesse Martin of Ashland, was visiting friends in Hampton City Sunday. Mrs. Ida Skings of Catlettsburg was visiting Mrs. J. T. Pack one day last week. Lemie Skings was visiting Charley Alley Thursday.

Mrs. A. C. Bond and children have returned home from a visit up Sandy. J. T. Pack is expected home soon from Bluefield, W. Va. Mrs. Mollie Alley of Adams, is planning a visit to her daughter, Mae Pack of Catlettsburg.

## NOBODY'S DARLING.

The United Baptists will begin a meeting here on Thursday, December 17, and continuing over Sunday. Rev. Isaac Stratton will be the principal speaker and assisted by Bro. Andy Wright and Malcolm Hubbard. Mrs. A. O. Harbrett and Clyde Harbrett attended church at McKinsters church at McKinsters chapel Sunday. They report a warm meeting.

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V. B. SHORTRIDGE, Prop.  
GLENWOOD, KY.

A. J. Dillon, Jr., has completed his barbershop and shaves and haircuts will be promptly taken care of by Andy and his able assistant Barlow May. Fred W. Walker, our hustling merchant transacted business in Floyd-co. Wednesday.

Our coal digger, Bob, May has opened a new mine and is now ready to supply the demand for winter fuel. The Goldie Milling Co. has moved its mill to F. W. Walker's farm where they have a large contract sawing ties for the Harbrett and Wm. Merret. Jim Dillon called on Miss Ruth Harbrett Sunday.

Miss Nell D. Leslie entertained a "hook" party Saturday night in honor of her cousin Misses Artie and Elizabeth Harris, of Woods. The invited guests were Misses Rhoda and Anna Branchum, Gypsy and Becca Harbrett, Ratti Harbrett, Ollie and Nell Harbrett, Messrs. Dr. N. L. Vest, O. E. Harris, D. B. Harris, Tom Osey, Oak Hamilton, Clyde and Bert Harbrett. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served.

Robert Dillon a little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dillon has been very sick, but is now able to be out again. Ben Hunt has moved from Cow creek to our town and now occupies the property made vacant by Tom Derocett.

Our school is progressing nicely. The attendance good and every one seems to be well satisfied.

## HEIRONYMOUS.

Everybody is expecting to see Santa Claus in our neighborhood soon.

Mrs. Florence Miller of Charley was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore Sunday.

Clyde D. Moore of Ohio is expected to spend Christmas with his uncle J. D. Ball.

Ellis Motook took dinner with R. F. Moore Thursday last.

Lee Jordan and Fannie Moore, of Georges creek were visiting H. K. Moore and family Saturday and Sunday.

Willie Davis of Davisville was on our creek last Tuesday.

D. A. Hays was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Saturday and Sunday.

Vessie Jordan was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ball, Sr., Sunday last.

Fred B. Moore was visiting friends on Rich creek Sunday.

Edith, the little daughter of B. F. Moore has been on the sick list.

Roy Hays made a trip to Wilbur Saturday.

Minnie Moore is contemplating a visit to relatives in Johnson-co., soon. Jettie Hays was calling on Mrs. J. D. Ball Sunday.

Miss Eliza Haupt has left our community.

## MERRY CHICKEN.

Bible class was largely attended Wednesday night.

Zach Bellomy was called to the bedside of his mother at Buchanan Sunday, who is very ill.

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Lucy Powell and Grayce Stewart are visiting in Portsmouth this week. Berg Holt, school teacher of Kavanagh was calling here last week.

Hattie Cooksey was shopping in Ashland Friday.

Herman Lukin of Catlettsburg is here on business.

Rev. George Stewart of Pritchard, W. Va., moved next door to Z. Bellomy Monday.

Johnie, little son of Jim Peterman and wife, is very ill at this writing.

## FIRE BUG.

Church at Oak Hill last Sunday was largely attended.

T. J. Daniel passed up our creek last Saturday enroute to E. G. Pinkerton's.

Willie John was calling on Miss Hattie Rogers Saturday night and Sunday.

Lee Diamond and Calvin Holbrook attended church at the Hammer Gap Sunday.

The girls and boys in our neighborhood are preparing for Christmas.

Hugh L. Hicks made a business trip to Frank Thompson's Monday last.

Lando Hays and Chas. Holbrook made a business trip to Smith Jobs last Saturday.

Alois Busch of Glenwood was visiting Stella Dalton Sunday.

Ernest Kelly and Orvil Hicks, who have been at South Solon, Ohio, are visiting home folks.

Ellis H. Triplett was shopping at E. M. Clevenger's one day last week.

Misses Mae and Edith Webb visited the Hammond family recently.

Miss Stella H. Dalton was calling on Mrs. S. J. McKeny Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bernella Triplett is on the sick list.

Miss Camille Hays was visiting Mrs. Nancy Holbrook Monday.

Ernest Jordan was calling on Miss Demonzia Wilson Sunday.

Mack Stewart of Ratchiff was visiting his sister, Mrs. S. J. McKeny last week.

Cecil Hammond of Coal River is visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Nannie Hicks called on Lizzie Kelly last week.

## UNCLE JOSIE.

Church here last Sunday was largely attended.

Floyd Williamson and Russian Copley made a business trip to Louisa Thursday.

Jay Compton of Donlton passed by here Friday evening enroute to Louisa.

Charley, little son of J. C. Workman, who is suffering from a broken arm is better.

Mrs. F. F. Williamson, who has been on the sick list is able to go about.

Miss Carrie Wells and Myrtle Vinson were at Saltwater Sunday.

Russian Copley, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williamson expect to spend Christmas with relatives in Ashland.

Luther Vinson came down Sunday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Bill Vinson, who has been sick for some time, we are glad to say, is improving.

Jay Rowe was in Louisa one day this week on business.

## Fred Workman is expected home soon.

Talmage Wells will leave for Indianapolis soon where he has a position.

Luther Peters is expected home from Ohio soon.

Luther Workman is improving his dwelling house by building a new dining room and kitchen.

Rev. Bob Rowe and Bro. Reed will preach here the second Sunday.

Puck Wells, the well known fruit grower, was on our creek Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Vinson will spend Christmas with her sister at Webb.

Talmage Wells was calling on Miss Mattie Rowe last Friday.

Oscar Vinson passed here last week.

## TWO TULIPS.

John Marshal and Miss Mabel Litz were married at Ironton a few days ago.

Mrs. M. H. Davis is in Lincoln county attending her sick daughter, Mrs. Emma May.

Tom McClure, who has been welding the yard stick in J. C. B. Auzier's store has gone to Ashland and Miss Virgie Stapleton has taken his place.

Miss Lora Ramey is expected home for the holidays. She has been teaching music at Stone, Ky.

## X.X.X.

Our idea of a Satisfied Citizen is one who has no kick on the Administration or the way the Home Team is being managed.

A man wouldn't give 30 cents for his wife's opinion of him until he finds that some other man wants her. Then he values her affection at about \$30,000.

Every married man would like to have as many Fairies on his string as his wife imagines he has.

Maybe if Married Women didn't talk so much at home the Married Men wouldn't have to stand in front of a bar for four hours at a time and talk about how much their wives talk.

A boy may have a hard time learning the things he should know. But it is different with the things he shouldn't know.

A widow who remarries has no business asking for a divorce. She had a First Past The Post when she made the bet.

What has become of the old-fashioned Tomboy who could stand on her head and walk on her hands?

When a Honeymooning Bride is stopping at a Hotel you can't make her believe that the place isn't filled with Detectives and Dictographs.

No matter how tight a girl's shoes are they are always a mile too big for her. She can always explain her Corns and Bunions by stating that she inherited them from her father.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

It is resolved by the members of the Martin County Bar Association, and the officers of the Martin Circuit Court, that,

Whereas, Hon. Tivis W. Newberry, an honored and respected member of this bar, departed this life on the 20th day of April 1915, and

Whereas, during his life time he was a living example to the young members of this bar, and that his demeanor as an attorney was above reproach

## and commanded the respect of the officers of this court, and

Whereas, he was the oldest member at the time of his death of the bar, and it is with great sorrow and regret that we mourn his loss as a member of our honored and respected profession. During his association as a member of said bar, he always exhibited the kindest respect and loyalty to the other members of the bar and was ever ready to uphold the conduct and dignity of the court.

Now, we, the members of this bar and officers of this court, desire to express our appreciation of the life which he lived as a member of this bar and his ability with which he served all who came in contact with or sought his counsel and advice. It is with great pleasure in respect to his memory that we can refer to him as a faithful citizen to the Commonwealth and commended our respect and confidence.

Resolved, that this resolution shall be furnished to the Clerk of this court, and that the same be spread at large upon the Order Book, and that a copy of said resolutions be furnished to his family.

W. R. MCCOY,

M. C. KIRK,

J. B. CLARK,

Committee.

A Copy, Attest.

S. M. Maynard, Clerk.

By M. R. Allen, D. C.

Fancy Xmas candies and fruits of all kinds, fresh nuts, etc., at A. L. Burton's.

WANTED—Everybody that wears Trusses, Elastic Stockings, Abdominal Supporters, Shoulder Braces, Crutches, and Suspensories to write us for prices. We manufacture and can save you money. THOMAS W. HALL, Mfg. Co., Columbus, O.

12-24-pd.

## SUFFERERS APPEAL TO RED CROSS SEAL FUND.

One mail on the desk of the secretary of the National Tuberculosis Association brought in the other day a varied assortment of appeals for help from the Red Cross Christmas Seal Fund. Here they say:

One mother writes relatives to a little son with tuberculosis of the spine. She does not want to see him become a hunchback. One writes for help for her daughter. She is without money, but she will work to support her daughter. One wife writes that she is making a fight to get well. She has a family of three children, and she is afraid that her husband is also infected. The future does not look bright for her. She is afraid that her three children will in a short time be orphans.

A school teacher writes that in her room last year was a very bright and promising pupil, a young girl sixteen years of age. He missed her this year and after a short time started an investigation to learn why she was not with the class. He soon found her. She was confined to her bed with consumption. She and her mother lived together in a shanty, and her mother was taking in washings.

Not all of these and hundreds of similar appeals can be heeded, because there is not enough money. Will you buy Red Cross Seals to make the burden lighter for some poor sufferer? Buy Red Cross Seals. They are bullets with which to fight tuberculosis.

## SANDY VALLEY SEMINARY

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Is possibly the best place for those who are preparing to teach, East of the Richmond Normal School.

Our Whole Faculty is made up of men and women who have not only had College and University training, but are graduates of Normal Schools as well. If you want the subject matter it is here for you. If you want methods it is here too. So why look elsewhere?

## WE GUARANTEE SATISFACTION AND RESULTS

100 per cent of our graduates for the past two years are now in college. We try to give inspiration as well as fact. We look after the physical and moral welfare of our pupils along with the mental. The first requisite of a successful life is GOOD HEALTH. Especially is this true of teachers. We are striving with might and main to help young men and women in a way that will fill Big Sandy and surrounding country with efficiently trained men and women. Our plant is the best in Eastern Kentucky. If you question, come and see. Our faculty is second to none, either in scholarship or experience. We can prove that, too, if you'll just come and spend a few terms with us.

We believe in the state course of study, and all those who expect to teach are thoroughly trained in the matter of grading, and organizing their schools.

This next Legislature is going to do some surprising things along educational lines.

Sandy Valley Seminary is trying to keep abreast of Educational thought and movement. "It is not seeming, but in being" that true worth is found.

## OUR LIBRARY IS ONE OF THE BEST IN EASTERN KY.

We have two splendid Literary Societies—one for the young men, the other for the young ladies.

We have a reading room in which you can find all the county papers of this section. Also a large number of the leading magazines. We also, have both class and individual music. We are trying to furnish our pupils opportunities equal to the best.

## THESE ARE OUR REGULAR COURSES:

COMMON SCHOOL DIPLOMA

COUNTY CERTIFICATE

FULL NORMAL

ACADEMIC

EXPRESSION

MUSIC

BUSINESS

Pick out the one that interests you. Then write us or come and see. Board can be had for \$10.00 and up, depending upon the number in a room, and the type of board wanted.

The people of Paintsville are anxious to have you with us. We have enough of the city to keep us moving and enough of the country to keep us sweet. So gather your books and a few dollars and come on. Always remember that where there is a will there is a way. If we can help you we shall only be too glad. Remember our county certificate course starts on January 3, 1916, but our full Normal Course is open any day.

FOR ANY POINTS ON WHICH YOU MAY NOT BE CLEAR, PLEASE WRITE US

W. B. WARD, Principal

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY



## BIG SANDY NEWS.

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Friday, December 24, 1915.

After the Senate adopted the joint resolution extending the emergency revenue law one year, Congress adjourned Saturday until January 4.

Judge E. C. O'Rear, of Frankfort, and Phil H. Brown, the colored editor of Hopkinsville, are announced as candidates for delegate at large to the Republican convention.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General plans to reduce the salaries of rural carriers of standard routes in Kentucky and elsewhere who are able to cover their routes within four hours a day.

Edwin P. Morrow is reported to have written to friends in the 11th district stating that he will be a candidate for Congress next year against Caleb Powers. Kentucky will owe him a debt if he shall wipe this blot off of the State.

A man named Ford, who has made many millions of dollars by the manufacture of automobiles, may be a smart man along some lines, but some of his recent acts have made him what a local minister called him a few nights ago—the joke of the 20th century.

Gov. Stanley impresses those who come into contact with him that he means to carry out his declarations of retrenchment to the letter. In other words, he is already taking steps to reduce the running expenses of the State. Cutting out useless jobs wherever it is within his power to do so is receiving his attention just now.

One of Roosevelt's close friends has announced that Teddy will try to keep quiet on political matters until March, at which time he will throw his hat into the ring for the regular Republican nomination for President. This will be welcome news to the standard Republicans, no doubt. They love him because he was instrumental in giving Taft one measly little State as his portion in the race for President against Woodrow Wilson.

It has become a habit of northern newspapers to charge up to Kentucky, and usually to the mountain section thereof, all their bad men. In another column of the NEWS this week reference is made to the latest outbreak charged up to Kentuckians. As much as a column of valuable space on the first page of many large daily newspapers was devoted to this story, under large headlines. Absence of names and the Kentucky locality from which these alleged outlaws had, leaves the story with a very strong flavor of doubt.

In compliance with the will of Kentucky voters, as expressed at the polls last month, it is expected that the Legislature which will meet on January 4th will enact a law to work the convicts on the public roads. The most feasible plan that has been suggested is to have convict labor employed on the roads built with State aid and to have them under control of the State roads department. This removes the menacing feature of uncertainty which would exist if the convicts were to be used only at the call of the counties. Yet the men would be available to all counties alike. The problem of employment during the severe weather of winter is yet to be solved.

Woodrow Wilson is the third President to be married during his term of office. President Tyler was the first and President Cleveland was the other. Mr. Tyler, like Mr. Wilson, was left a widower during his term. Two years later, in 1844, in New York City, he was married to Miss Julia Gardiner, who then presided at the White House functions during the last year of her husband's term of office.

Grover Cleveland's marriage to Miss Frances Folsom took place in the Blue Room of the executive mansion. It was comparatively a private affair, for the invited guests included only the Cabinet members, their wives and a few friends and relatives of the couple.

#### STEAL WHOLE BOAT LOAD OF LIQUOR.

"He who steals my purse steals trash, but he who filches my liquor steals that which enriches him greatly and makes me poor indeed."

The above paragraph from the words of immortal Shakespeare might well have been uttered by Jerome Robertson, whose saloon opposite Rose Siding was recently put out of commission by the supreme court of Kentucky.

A boat load of liquor, containing some 70 odd barrels of whiskey, consigned to Robertson, was caught at the east end of the Hatfield tunnel a few days before the water being too low to move the boat over the shoals.

Now comes the story of one of the boldest robberies ever committed in the country. One night last week the whole boat load of liquor miraculously disappeared, the thieves making a clean sweep. How the heavy whiskey barrels were carried away has been worrying a lot of speculative people.

From reports reaching this office, the robbers played in tough luck, one of them dropping a pocket book containing \$1,500 near the boat. It is alleged that Mr. Robertson found the pocket book but whether the owner of it can be identified is not known.

Appropos of the alleged robbery we are informed that bootlegging business is thriving in Williamson like a green bay tree. The bootleggers, it has been stated by some wag are wearing badges so that they will not solicit each other for business.

Those who have been watching the express shipments to Stone state that on an average two truck loads of whiskey per day are received for Williamson people. It is also pointed out that traffic between Williamson and Catlettsburg has been unusually heavy for the past week, indicating that there will be plenty of alleged Christmas cheer here for those who indulge. —Mingo Republican.

#### CLINTON S. KIMES.

Some inquiries have been coming to the Big Sandy News office recently about Clinton S. Kimes, a man who has been taking orders throughout Eastern Kentucky for several months for advertising space on a chart or hanger. Also, he agrees, it is said, to have the advertisements printed in the Big Sandy News.

From the information that comes to us, it seems that those who buy the advertising are given the impression that it is a Big Sandy News proposition and that Kimes is soliciting the work as our agent.

In order to correct any such impression we desire to state that the Big Sandy News has no connection with the matter whatever. This man came to Louisville early last spring and presented credentials and recommendations, and copies of leading newspapers of Ohio and Pennsylvania containing pages of advertisements such as he proposed to publish for the Big Sandy Valley. He asked us for rates covering one or two pages of these advertisements, to be published one time, as we now recall. We named the price and he said he would bring them in for publication as soon as he got enough orders to fill a page. He also said his proposition to business men included the printing of these advertisements on a cardboard hanger, with brass stripes on top and bottom, and that this work would be done in Cincinnati.

We have heard of Mr. Kimes in several counties of Eastern Kentucky and have addressed letters to him at various points calling his attention to the complaints, but the letters have come back undelivered.

We do not intend to convey the impression that Mr. Kimes will fail to carry out his contracts with those who have paid him, because we do not know what he will do. But in justice to all we feel impelled to state the facts given above.

#### WILLIAMS-HOWES.

Mr. Owen Jackson Williams and Miss Onelda Howes, a prominent young couple of Paintsville, were quietly married at the bride's home, in the presence of a few near friends, on last Saturday evening. Rev. O. J. Carder, of the M. E. Church was the officiating minister. Mr. Williams is a brother of James Williams, of the Paintsville Bank and Trust Co., and has been associated with J. W. Pendleton, the jeweler for some time.

Miss Howes is the daughter of W. C. Howes, of Thealeka, who is employed by the North East Coal Co. The many friends of these popular young people wish them a long and happy married life.—Paintsville Post.

#### RITTER LUMBER COMPANY

Closes a Deal For Three Hundred Thousand Acres of Timber.

Bristol, Tenn., December 19.—The latest hardwood lumber transaction ever made in Virginia, and probably the largest that has ever been made in the South, has just been consummated by the W. M. Ritter Lumber Company, of Columbus, Ohio, which has just purchased all of the timber on the lands of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad and the Clinchfield Coal Corporation, in Virginia and Kentucky. The aggregate of the consideration is said to be in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars.

The deal includes the timber on a single tract of land 30 miles square, and containing some 300,000 acres, situated largely in Russell and Dickinson counties, Virginia. The property extends from Dante, Russell county, Virginia, westward along the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad to Elk Horn City, Ky.

The price paid for the timber is said to have been \$15 per acre, and under the contract the purchasing company is given 25 years in which to cut and remove the timber from the lands.

President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married at the latter's home in Washington at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night and departed for Hot Springs, Va., where they will spend their honeymoon. Arrangements for the ceremony were carried out perfectly. Neither had attendants and only about thirty guests were present. The couple motored to Alexandria, Va., where they entered their private car attached to a special train in order to escape the crowd at the station. Mrs. Wilson was married in a traveling gown of velvet with a picture hat.

Recently in the daily newspapers there have appeared sensational articles about a battle in Wisconsin alleged to consist of Kentucky mountaineers. The story is drawn out at great length and says these people are feudists who left Kentucky because of their depredations. They are said to be successfully defying the officers in Wisconsin. No names were mentioned in the first reports, but later the following has appeared:

Drandon, Wis.—Robert Coon, recog-

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured**  
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials free. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

nized head of the Kentucky colony in Northern Wisconsin, came out to-day with a statement that the Kentuckians repudiate the three landlits who robbed the saloon at Starks early this week and escaped a posse of 500 men sent from Forest and Oneida counties.

"We came to Wisconsin from the Kentucky mountains," he said. "In a colony of this nature there are likely to be black sheep. We are trying to abide by the laws of the State and nation and do not wish to be held responsible for the misdeeds of irresponsible yeggmen."

"We wish to say also that we do not believe these men were from our colony."

#### OFFERS REWARD FOR MILLER.

Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 15.—The Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, of Bluefield, W. Va., of which Policeman E. W. Hoggins, who was killed at Jenkins in this county two weeks ago, was a member, have offered rewards aggregating \$400 for the arrest of Alvin Miller, who it is alleged, stood off the officers in the desperate battle in which three men were mortally wounded including Hoggins, Policeman John Horn and a man named Howard.

Lexington, Ky., December 19.—With much of his left thigh torn away by a charge from a shotgun and in danger of blood poisoning, H. S. Cockerhan, a liverman of Campton, is in a local hospital. Cockerhan refuses to say who shot him and is silent as to the reason. His wife, who accompanied him to Lexington, gave the police the names of two men whom she suspected of firing the shots.

#### CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS.

The Robert Calkhan school closed last Friday for the holidays. When it opens Jan. 3, 1916, there will be in addition to the present corps of teachers two normal instructors, one for Kentucky and one for West Virginia students. Superintendent J. H. McClure is now doing missionary work for the school.

#### HOLIDAY RECESS.

The K. K. T. and the Louisa public school closed Dec. 17, not to resume until Jan. 3, 1916.

#### COURT OF APPEALS.

L. & E. Ity, Co. vs. Potter, etc., Letcher; motion for appeal overruled and judgment affirmed.

On Friday an adjournment was made until "court in course," which will be January 3, 1916.

#### McGLONE GIVES BOND.

J. E. McGlone, Circuit Court Clerk of Carter-co., charged with forging claims on the State, has given bond and been released from jail at Frankfort.

Geo. A. Ward, supervisor of bridges and buildings for the C. & O., and for many years in the service of that company, was found dead this afternoon shortly after one o'clock in his office on Carter-av. and Twelfth-st. His death, which is believed to have occurred Wednesday afternoon, is thought to have been due to heart trouble.—Ashland Independent.

Mr. Ward was a well-known and popular railroad man. At one time he was superintendent of bridges on the O. & B. S. division.

Fancy Xmas candles and fruits of all kinds, fresh nuts, etc., at A. L. Burton's.

#### NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION OF CORPORATIONS.

##### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Directors of the Louisa Baking Company, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of Louisa, Ky., Kentucky corporations, with chief place of business at Louisa, Ky., to consolidate into one corporation, named The Louisa Company, which will be a Kentucky corporation and have its chief place of business in Louisa, Ky., said consolidation to be effected on the 1st day of January 1916.

Witness the signatures of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Louisa Baking Company, and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Louisa, Ky., on this 11th day of December 1915. 17-24.

H. E. ADAMS,  
Secretary Louisa Baking Co.  
H. G. WELLMAN,  
President Louisa Baking Co.  
B. E. ADAMS,  
Secretary Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of Louisa, Ky.  
H. G. WELLMAN,  
President Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of Louisa, Ky.

#### NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Louisa National Bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year.

M. F. CONLEY, Cashier.



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about the excellent quality of our printing. We don't care what the job may be, we are equipped to turn it out to your satisfaction. If we can't, we'll tell you so frankly.

**Let Us Convince You**

## Wherever You Are, Wherever You Are Going, Our Little Order Service Is There Also.

Any telephone, any postoffice, any telegraph line, will  
bring your message to us.

Tell us in your own way what you want. Our expert  
shoppers will visit the various sections of our STORE and  
make purchases, Sarge or Small, with the same thoughtful  
care that would make your personal shopping tour.

## The Anderson-Newcomb Co.

"The Christmas Store"

On Third Avenue      Huntington, W. Va.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor, Rev. Ous Hamilton, will preach at both services. His morning subject will be—"The First Christmas Sermon." Evening subject—"God's Christmas Gift." You are cordially invited to attend.

#### FINDS HOOKWORM IN KNOTT.

Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 16.—Dr. P. E. Blackberry, hookworm specialist, assisted by Microscopist Earl Stanfill, has closed an extensive hookworm campaign in Knott county, north of here, holding clinics in the most important communities of the county. Dr. Blackberry states that the tests show that according to the population, there are a large number of hookworm victims in the county, as in other mountain counties, that in fact a large per cent. of the natives of Knott county have hookworm more or less and are now taking treatment. Dr. Blackberry lectured at different points on hookworm and its treatment.

#### PIONEER BOYD COUNTY WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Esther Geiger, one of the oldest and most prominent women in Boyd county, died at her home in Ashland yesterday afternoon, after an illness of a few days with la grippe. Many relatives survive Mrs. Geiger in this section of the country. She would have been ninety-one years old next May, having been born in that month in 1825. Mrs. Geiger's birthplace was within ten miles of the house of her death. She had always lived in Boyd county.

Leave an order at this office for the Big Sandy News to be sent a year to a friend or friends as a Christmas gift. We will send an appropriate receipt to the friend, showing it to be your gift—one that will be a pleasure each week of 1916.

#### KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Ed P. Davidson of Greenup, who was struck by a V. & D. freight engine on November 6th, while he was crossing a street enroute from his work to his noon day meal, died from the effects of his injuries.

Mr. Davidson was a brother of Miss Anna M. Davidson, superintendent of the Greenup schools, and of the late Chas. W. Davidson, for many years clerk of the Greenup County Circuit Court.

#### ALL WRONG

THE MISTAKE IS MADE BY MANY  
LOUISIA CITIZENS.

Look for the cause of backache.  
To be cured you must know the

#### REAL STOCK FARMS AT REASONABLE PRICES

250 acres within 12 miles of Cincinnati, on Ohio river, in Boone county, Ky., on good place, near Fern Bank Dam. 100 acres river bottom, 250 acres blue grass rolling land.  
1000 acres within four miles of railroad, near Webbville, Lawrence county, Ky., 50 acres creek bottom, 600 acres blue grass hill land. 250 acres timber, Fenced and cross fenced. No agents.  
For prices and terms, if you mean business, see owner or write H. N. FISCHER, 110 East Central Avenue, Ashland, Ky. 11-12-16.

#### FARMS! FARMS!! FARMS!!!

We have some of the best farms in Mason, Fleming and adjoining counties for sale. Also Southern Ohio farms. These farms will run from \$50.00 to \$150.00 per acre in most any size you want, are well located on turnpikes and convenient to school and churches. We believe our land when quality is considered is relatively cheaper than any lands in Kentucky. Our tobacco production is about the largest of any county in the State, and we will average more pounds per acre than any other county. If you are looking for a nice home come and see us, as will show you something good. 24-16.

THOS. L. EWAN & CO.,  
Real Estate and Loan Agents,  
Farmers and Traders Bank Building,  
MAYSVILLE, KY.

**JAKE'S SALE.**  
Jake Hrabsky's big sale is still running full blast, but will close Friday evening of this week, Dec. 24th. A big prize will go Friday afternoon to some one who is present at the proper hour. If you don't know the particulars call at the store and find out.

## Select Them Now

CHOOSE YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS RIGHT NOW AND HAVE THEM LAID AWAY. THERE ARE SEVERAL ADVANTAGES IN THIS. WE HAVE NOTHING BUT NEW GOODS, AND ALL ARE SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

**Watches, Clocks, Silverware  
Rings, Pins, Chains,  
Spectacles,**  
In fact, everything in the line of Jewelry  
and Optical Goods.  
Good line of Stationery

Repair work a Specialty.

## Fred Dixon

Graduate Watchmaker

POST OFFICE BUILDING

LOUISA, KENTUCKY



# CLOSING OUT REGARDLESS OF COST

## Coats, Suits, Skirts, Millinery, Rugs, Heavy Winter Shoes Etc.

The Big Store  
With  
The Small Prices

### PIERCE'S STORE

Better Goods  
That  
Cost You Less

#### BIG SANDY NEWS.

Friday, December 24, 1915.

Fresh oysters and celery at A. L. Burton's every Saturday.

Dr. T. D. Burgess was called to see a patient about Pikeville a few days.

Do your Xmas shopping with A. L. Burton. 12-17-15.

Mr. Guerin, of the U. S. Engineer office, is laid up with a very severe cold.

You will find the famous Bull Brand shoes at A. L. Burton's. 12-17-15.

Prof. Byington held the ticket which drew the hotel at Juke's sale last week.

Buy your Xmas dinner supplies from A. L. Burton. 12-17-15.

Rangers Bros. "1847" Knives, Forks and Spoons at Snyder Hardware Company's, Louisa.

Because of the absence of the pastor there will be no preaching at the M. E. Church next Sunday.

CORN WANTED:—5000 bushels of corn. We pay cash. BIG SANDY MILLING CO. 12-17-15.

Those who wish to take Christmas dinner at the hotel Savoy will please register or phone the hotel by Thursday, or not later than Friday.

Cheek-Neal Coffee Co.'s freshly roasted loose coffees are unexcelled. Are you handling this line? If not, why not? 12-17-15.

It's too late to do your Christmas shopping early, but it's the right time to subscribe for the Big Sandy News.

If you have never seen a big stock of toys go to Mrs. W. M. Justice's store and look.

John Bradley, formerly of this county but for 20 years a resident of the State of Texas, is visiting friends in Lawrence.

\$1000 REWARD OFFERED For every ounce of impure coffee found in a sealed can of Maxwell House Coffee. Sold in Louisa by A. L. Burton and J. H. Crutcher. 12-17-15.

Sheriff R. A. Stone has settled in full with the State Auditor of Accounts and has received his quietus for the year 1915. During his present term Mr. Stone has paid into the treasury \$20,472.10.

Say, Mr. Merchant do you handle Cheek-Neal Coffee Co.'s line? All freshly roasted and packed in cans from Maxwell House a 35c seller to Dixie Flour a 10c can. 12-17-15.

Miss Nora Lee Hiley, who was taken to the Welch hospital yesterday evening by Dr. Irvine, was successfully operated upon last night and it is reported this morning that Miss Hiley is doing fine and stood the operation for appendicitis without serious effects. Williamson News.

Misses Marie Bradley and Clara Thompson, who are students of the K. N. C., were pleasantly entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Thompson of this city Thursday.

FOR SALE:—175 acre farm, two good houses, one 8, one 5 rooms. Two good barns and orchards. Well timbered, 5 foot vein coal. On R. R. 1 mile from Richardson, Ky. Address SIMON BARTLETT, Ashland, Ky. 11-19-15.

MEN WANTED:—25 men to make cross ties. Pay 10 to 12 cents a tie. Good timber, good ground to work on. Stay once a week. Write or call WM. GALLIGAN, Ashland, Ky. Phone No. 819. 12-17-15.

J. B. Crutcher and A. L. Burton states that your coffee trouble will come to an end the day you begin to use Maxwell House Blend. Cheek-Neal Coffee Co. Roasters. 12-17-15.

Forrest Summers, of the U. S. Engineer office, has been ordered from Fayetteville to Louisa for duty and he and Mrs. Summers are now here. They will occupy the house on Lock-st. where John Moore lived.

FOR SALE:—8 room dwelling and one extra lot alongside. Bargain if sold at once. Satisfactory terms. On Lock avenue, Louisa. Apply to F. B. HILTON or W. T. CAIN. 12-17-15.

Lock Moore has rented the residence on the point just above the toll house and will move into it next week. The house has been repaired and put into good condition. It is what is known as the Patrick property.

FARM FOR SALE:—115 acres, on Big Sandy river, one mile below Fort Gay and Louisa. Oil wells on adjoining tract. Apply to JAS. P. HILLIOP, Fort Gay, W. Va. 12-17-15.

Dr. Ira Wellman, of this city, will go to Louisville about January 10th for the purpose of taking a post graduate course at the Medical Department of the University of Louisville. He will pay special attention to abdominal surgery. The course lasts until June.

FOR SALE:—I offer my home and lot where I now live for sale. Good five room cottage with porch, gas and water in house and lot 100x50 feet. Corner lot. Price \$1500. Part down and balance in payments. Apply to MRS. W. N. SULLIVAN. 12-17-15.

The booters began business early this week and have made "full" heads every day. Besides commercializing Christmas, as was so truthfully charged in a Louisa pulpit last Sunday night, the booters have brutalized the holiday by the worst kind of debauchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Long are at home from New York, where they spent their honeymoon. They will take possession the coming week of their handsome apartment in Fourteenth-st. —Huntington Herald.

Mrs. Long was formerly Miss Anna Louise Hatfield.

After Jan. 1, 1916, Ira See, a well known Louisa traveling man, will be in the employ of Hagen, Hatfield & Co. as their traveling representative.

will be located in Pikeville and work the country in that section. His Louisa friends will be glad to see him "make good" in his new position as he did with the Paintsville Grocery Co.

The parcels post business is so large at the local postoffice that the force is heavily taxed to take care of it.

Citizens of Louisa are complaining loudly about the unusual number of drunken men seen on the streets this week. The laws against this offense should be strictly enforced.

Dr. Fred Millard received word at Redway, where he had gone to visit his parents, that Mrs. Millard, who is in Mt. Sterling visiting, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and he has gone there to see her.

E. J. Skaggs, of this city, was here a few days this week. He had been in the National Military Home at Dayton, Ohio, for several months and stopped here to see his family, on his way to the National Military Home, Tennessee. Mr. Skaggs' health is not good, but he is somewhat improved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WM. TAYLOR, of Glenwood, announces that he will be a candidate for Sheriff of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the next primary election at which candidates for Sheriff are to be nominated.

CIRCUIT JUDGE CISCO.

One week from next Monday, Jan. 3, 1916, the January term of the Lawrence Circuit Court will begin. Both dockets, civil as well as commonwealth, are full, and a long and busy term may be expected. It will be presided over by Judge A. N. Cisco, of Morgan-co., who was elected to succeed Judge Redwine. Judge Cisco is the first Republican judge to preside in the present district, and the first Circuit Judge of his political faith to preside in the Lawrence county courthouse since the incumbency of Judge John M. Burns.

LICENSED TO MARRY.

Glen Daniel, 25, to Gertrude Preston, 19, of Patrick, Ky.

Lee Pack, 21, to Ethel Dixon, 16, of Charles, Ky.

Fred A. Jennings, 19, to Inez Fitzpatrick, 21, of Glenhays.

Elbert Moore, 26, to Annie Evans, 19, of Sacred Wind, Ky.

Sam Hunting, 24, to Rebecca Patton, 21, of West Va. Married in office by Clerk.

SINGING EVANGELISTS IN LOUISA NEXT SUNDAY.

M. E. Church South.

Sunday school 9:00 a. m.

Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

Morning subject—"No Room in the Inn."

Evening subject—"Past and Future."

J. Marvin Powell and wife, singing evangelists with Dr. Oliver E. Williams, of Jamestown, N. Y., will sing at both services Sunday. You can't afford to miss hearing them.

HUNTINGTON LAWYER DEAD

Thos. A. Watt, a prominent attorney of Huntington, W. Va., died suddenly Wednesday. He had a gripe, but his death was wholly unexpected.

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#### PERSONAL MENTION.

J. H. McClure was here from Gallup Monday.

E. C. Berry, of Blaine, was in Louisa Thursday.

L. W. Spencer was here from Charley Tuesday.

Oliver B. Swetnam, of Wilbur, was in Louisa Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Scott was in from Busseyville Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Newsom, of Dunham, was in Louisa Monday.

Hotner Elam is here from Columbus, where he attends school.

F. W. Ogle, of Adeline, was in the NEWS office Wednesday.

Mrs. Jake Peters has returned from a visit at Logan, W. Va.

Dr. L. S. Hays, of Charley, was in the NEWS office Monday.

George H. Burgess returned Sunday from a visit to New York.

Mrs. Mary Conley has returned from a visit to relatives at Kise.

Gail Price, of Paintsville, was a business visitor here this week.

Mrs. K. F. Vinson went to Huntington Wednesday for a short visit.

Mrs. Fred Millard and the baby are visiting relatives in Mt. Sterling.

Mrs. H. C. Corns, of Cypress, Ind., is expected home for the holidays.

Dr. Burgess answered a professional call up the N. & W. Wednesday.

County Judge James Clayton made a business trip to Frankfort Tuesday.

Misses Edith Marcum and Jet O'Neal were shopping in Huntington this week.

Miss Exer Robinson, of Offutt, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mont Holt.

Otto Gartin, a law student at State University, will pass the holidays in Louisa.

Rowland Horton is home from State University, Lexington, for the holidays.

Rowland Wilson, formerly of Louisa but now living in Ashland, was here this week.

Mrs. Fred Tiernan and son, Jack, of Ashland, are guests of Mrs. A. C. Holbrook.

Miss Matilda Wallace returned Tuesday from a short visit in Huntington, W. Va.

Chester Kirk, of Paintsville, is visiting the family of his sister, Mrs. Charley York.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garred and daughter, of Gallup, were in Louisa Wednesday.

Mrs. H. C. Sammons and daughter, Miss May, were shopping in Ashland Monday.

Miss Nora Conley, who teaches in the Catlettsburg public schools, is here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. Stewart, of Ashland, will spend Christmas with Louisa relatives.

H. C. Sullivan came from Ashland Saturday and will remain a few days, taking depositions.

Mrs. G. W. Castle and George Manger attended the funeral of Edwin Castle, at Paintsville, Tuesday.

Jay Wheeler and L. E. Vinson, of Wayne county, W. Va., were in the NEWS office yesterday.

Mrs. Ed. Kirk and the baby and Miss Mabel Kirk and her two brothers, of Luez, were here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Abbott, of Wallace, Mo., are guests of his brother, Jas. A. Abbott and family.

Mrs. L. V. Hardwick, of Fort Gay, is the guest of her son, A. J. Hardwick, at this place.—Ceresco Advance.

Junior Luckey is here from Cypress, Ind., to pass the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Luckey.

Miss Nina McHenry has returned from Pikeville where she had been for some time doing stenographic work.

Miss Vivian Hays, who is studying music in Cincinnati, came home Wednesday for the holidays.

Mrs. James Bromley and children have returned to their home in Huntington, W. Va., after spending several weeks here.

Virgil McElowney, who is a student at Morris Harvey College, Barboursville, came Saturday to pass the holidays with the family of his father, the Rev. L. E. McElowney.

Mrs. J. L. Richmond arrived home from Grand, N. Y., Sunday. After spending a few days in New York City Mr. Richmond accompanied his wife as far as Washington, when he went to Rural Retreat, Va., to visit relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Shank left Tuesday for Russell, Ky., and Huntington, where they will pass the holidays with relatives.

Mr. A. M. Campbell was here Sunday from Wayland. He will come again in time to pass the holidays with his family.

Miss Alice Smith, public school teacher, has gone to pass the Christmas season with relatives in Cincinnati and Richmond, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird and their two bright boys, Roger and Paul, will pass the holidays with friends at St. Albans, West Va.

Miss Nannye Best, who had been visiting Miss Celeste See for some time, left Thursday for her home in Schlater, Miss.

Mrs. A. J. Garred and Mrs. Vic Pritchard and granddaughter, Miss Virginia Hinger, were in Ashland Monday and Tuesday.

John Vaughan and family have recently moved into the residence next below the home of D. C. Spencer, on Main Cross-st.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marrs, of Wayland, were here this week.

Mrs. Dan Blankenship and children, of Jenkins, were here this week. They went home Wednesday.

Neil B. Conley, of the Department of Engineering, State University, came home Monday for the holidays. He was accompanied by his fellow student, Jeff Harris, of Nolin, W. Va., who was his guest for a few days.

Miss Flossie Beasley, who has been visiting Lawrence county relatives for some time, has returned to her home at Lucasville, Ohio.

Mrs. W. W. Mason and son Arthur Sherrill, arrived Thursday from Woodman, Pike-co., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yates.

Rev. and Mrs. Newell Young, pastor of the M. E. Church, left Thursday for Olive Hill, where they will visit relatives during the holidays.

Frank Brown, Miss Margaret and Jack have returned from a visit to relatives in Virginia, and Mr. Brown and Miss Margaret have gone on a visit to Chattanooga, Tenn.

Miss Eliza Pierce, who is a pupil at the Ursuline Academy, Cincinnati, came home Wednesday, and will remain until after the holiday vacation.

Milt Clayton, who is taking his third course in the medical department of the University of Louisville, came home Wednesday for the Christmas recess.

Morton Picklesimer, a student at the Callahan school, left Saturday to spend his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Picklesimer, at McRoberts.

Miss Elizabeth Lester, who is a teacher in the public school at Mayslick, Mason-co., Ky., will pass the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Lester, of Louisa.

Mrs. E. K. Langhorne, of Manteo, Virginia, was in Louisa last week for a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Reynolds. She and her husband expect to leave soon for Arizona to spend the winter.

## Now Is Your Chance

Recently I went to the City and bought a big lot of goods. I did not realize how large a line I had bought until they were opened up in the store and the bills came in. In going through those large houses and factories and buying everything we think our customers will want, it is easy to buy too many goods. We have hardly enough room left in our store to move around comfortably. We are very anxious to reduce the stock and have marked prices that will make them sell. Those who know the value of goods will jump at the chance to buy at our prices.

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### J. P. GARTIN

LOUISA, KENTUCKY



## THE HOME CIRCLE AND ITS INTERESTS.

### Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join The Home Circle at Evening Tide.

It's a wise husband who prepares to  
pay for the Christmas gifts received  
from his dear wife.

The new Christmas game will be  
very fashionable. The players hunt  
through their pocketbooks to see how  
much money they have left. The one  
who has the most has to buy a present  
for New Year's.

Christmas, the celebration of the  
birth of the Divine Child, is pecu-  
liarly the children's festival. And  
while it cannot, too, be a time of  
special rejoicing among grown-ups, we  
realize after all that it has no other  
charm to compare with the pleasure  
we take in some kiddie's delight over  
the doll or drum or picture book that  
our special Santa Claus has brought  
him.

It does the world good to open its  
doors and take in the season's greet-  
ings. Business goes on all the happier  
because there is a warm, charitable  
feeling in a man's soul toward his em-  
ployer or employees or acquaintances.  
We are all so busy we are apt to forget  
to be considerate, forgiving and kind.  
It is well to let the brain rest and al-  
low the heart to rule sometimes, or  
men may lose the faculty of loving and  
being charitable.

Christmas most truly belongs to the  
children. It celebrates the event of the  
Christ child to whom the women men  
brought gifts and the shepherds came  
and worshipped. Would that every  
child in this land of abundance might  
receive that little portion to all the  
hearts with joy and chase the sad  
tears away. It takes so little to open  
the fountains of joy. It would seem so  
small a portion might fall to the lot of  
all the children of American homes;  
but alas, some will be burdened with  
gifts till they weary in counting them  
and others—what a disappointing  
Christmas it will be! Cannot we be  
thoughtful one of another and share  
our blessings with those less favored  
and make our Christmas more truly  
happy for ourselves and merry for  
many others?

Oh, how pleasant, bright and cheery  
home should be made at that sweet  
season—Christmas—when each and  
every one can bestow some little gift  
of affection upon dear ones and re-  
member those who are less fortun-  
ate. We should remember the great  
gift of our Heavenly Father to the  
world. He it is that can and will send  
blessings which will make home bright  
and happy. The inmates of a sweet,  
Christian home should never indulge  
in gossip, but speak kindly of every  
one, some loving word of encourage-  
ment to the discouraged. When in our  
power lend a helping hand.

Santa Claus' reindeer with their  
spanda antlers, may have walked  
two and two out of the ark, when it  
rested on Arrat's crest after the flood  
subsided, but who cares? The gift of  
eternal youth is theirs and they are too  
busy to bother with family records or  
chronological tables. Each year the  
rhythmic patter of their tiny hoofs will  
be heard on your roof on Christmas eve  
if your heart keeps young and true and  
your ears are still attuned to the faint-  
est whisper of God's own messengers.  
Santa Claus finds his happy way into  
the homes of the rich and the poor  
alike, into the palace and into the cot-  
tage, wherever children have been sent  
to brighten and to bless.

Christmas should mean infinitely  
more to us than can be expressed by  
gift or language. It is not to be a season  
of tears, but of joy. It should fill  
every home with gladness and the noise  
or happy children and parents. Let the  
children come home, let the parents  
throw open their homes to them; let  
the yule log, a log of wood be laid in  
the fireplace and lighted and with  
songs, match the merry crackling log  
and shadows of the flames dancing  
jocundly upon the wall. Say, some  
friends, come strangers, if it be but a  
cup of cold water that's given, and a  
kindly smile it will do something to  
show that

## SEVERE PUNISHMENT

Of Mrs. Chappell, of Five Years'  
Standing, Relieved by Cardui.

Mt. Airy, N. C.—Mrs. Sarah M. Chap-  
pell of this town, says: "I suffered for  
five years with womanly troubles, also  
stomach troubles, and my punishment  
was more than any one could tell.

I tried most every kind of medicine,  
but none did me any good.  
I read one day about Cardui, the wom-  
an's tonic, and I decided to try it. I  
had not taken but about six bottles until  
I was almost cured. It did me more  
good than all the other medicines I had  
tried, put together.

My friends began asking me why I  
looked so well, and I told them about  
Cardui. Several are now taking it."

Do you, lady reader, suffer from any  
of the ailments due to womanly trouble,  
such as headache, backache, sideache,  
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If so, let us urge you to give Cardui a  
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condition where a 'builder' was needed  
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did the work easily and pleasantly. I  
used six bottles. It was more than satis-  
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and nervous symptoms and thereby  
brings comfort in the place of prolonged  
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ious Attacks, and all derangement of the  
Liver, Stomach and Bowels.

"God's in His Heaven,  
All's well with the world."

To us no season of the year awakens  
so much of tenderness and fellow feel-  
ing towards all humanity as Christ-  
mas. It is not only a time of well  
wishing, but kindly doing, with a vein  
of sympathy that would turn no one  
away empty, withhold no tender greet-  
ing, no act of kindness, no word of love  
glances. No sacrifice seems too great  
that might contribute to another's hap-  
piness. No yielding up of self to trying that  
we might smooth some life, no trail of  
patience too great that we might not  
bear and forbear with a spirit vexed  
Christmas will rule the business, rudeness,  
roughness out of any life. Christ-  
mas is the time of love. Hatred, envy  
and malice can have no Christmas.  
Greed and selfishness are entirely  
foreign to the day.

### OBITUARY.

A message bearing the sad intelli-  
gence of the death of Miss Mollie G.  
Webb, at 5:30 a. m., Monday, Decem-  
ber 5, in distant Montana, was flashed  
over the wires to the Webb family liv-  
ing at Riverdale, Ark.

Mollie was well known at Mammoth  
Spring where she taught in the High  
School, and throughout Fulton county  
where she worked two seasons as a  
special agent for the Girl's Canning  
and poultry club.

Mollie Gamblie Webb was born in  
Lawrence, Ky., February 27, 1887,  
where she was reared and educated,  
finishing her course in the Kentucky  
Normal College, at Louisville, Ky. She  
taught four terms of school in Ken-  
tucky, when her father, Joe Webb, be-  
coming dissatisfied after the death of  
his wife (Mollie's mother) sold out and  
emigrated with Mollie and her three  
sisters to Medford, a city in the beau-  
tiful Rogue river valley in southwest-  
ern Oregon, where she taught two  
terms of school. The family moved to  
Mammoth Spring, Ark., in 1911 where  
she was employed in teaching until she  
received the appointment from the U.  
S. Bureau of Agriculture and farm  
demonstration work, as special agent  
for the girls' canning and poultry club,  
under which she labored with gratify-  
ing success.

Her health failing she went to north-  
western Montana in May, 1915, where  
she seemed to improve for a while, but  
as winter began to close in she became  
worse and soon succumbed to the dead-  
ly grip of the dread monster, tuber-  
culosis.

She leaves a host of friends in Ken-  
tucky, Oregon and Arkansas, where her  
pupils and club girls mourn with one  
accord. She was highly respected and  
loved by all who knew her.

She was 28 years, 9 months and 5  
days old, unmarried, having pre-  
ferred to live single and spend her  
short life laboring for the good of others.  
She is survived by a father, two  
brothers and three sisters who mourn  
the loss of a dutiful child and a kind  
and affectionate sister. She was with  
her eldest sister, Mrs. Cynthia B. Webb,  
and her brother, Joseph, in Montana  
when she died, who did all that loving  
hands could do till the last, then they  
laid her to rest in the evergreen hills  
of northwest Montana till the crown-  
ing day that comes by and by.

Asleep in Jesus' blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep.

### OBITUARY.

The death angel has again saddened  
the home of Green Adams by plucking  
from its garden the sweetest flower.  
Mollie Adams died the 9th of Novem-  
ber, age 65. She joined the church and  
was converted in her youth and lived  
a devoted christian until her supreme  
being saw fit to call her home to heav-  
en to live with her two sainted daugh-  
ters that had passed on before to the  
land where she will never return or  
say farewell to friends. She leaves a  
husband, one daughter and many wor-  
rowing friends to mourn their loss.  
But their loss was Mollie's eternal  
gain. She was a kind submissive wo-  
man, had a good word for all she met.  
The neighborhood will miss her smiles  
as well as her husband and affection-  
ate daughter. Dear husband and daugh-  
ter mourn not as those that have no  
hope for if you are faithful you will  
meet Mollie again on the banks of  
sweet deliverance. Mollie is not loosed  
but gone on before to await you on the  
golden shore. She is safe in that vale  
watching for the boatman, waiting for

the sail bearing her loved ones over  
the tide into the harbor near to her  
side. There was a large crowd to see  
Mollie laid to rest in the flower cem-  
etry. The choir sang "If you love your  
mother meet her in the air." The floral  
offerings were many. Her husband has  
gone to Missouri to live with his  
daughter. S.F.B.

### ELLEN.

On account of the inclemency of the  
weather we failed to hear Bro. Booth's  
sermon last Sunday, but by the next  
second Sunday we hope to hear him.

Jack Curran has returned from a  
visit to Columbus, O.

G. T. Berry has been pretty sick but  
is some better.

John Thompson, our miller, and wife  
were the guests of their brother Lind-  
sey Thompson last Sunday.

We were sorry to hear of the death  
of Mrs. Matt Dixon.

S. W. Burton visited his parents re-  
cently on Rhine.

Clarence Stewart of Webbville spent  
Saturday and Sunday with his relatives  
and friends here.

Archie Burton was in our vicinity one  
day last week.

Uncle David Jordan of Ohio has been  
visiting his sister aunt Sarah Cur-  
ran, but has now returned to home.

Mrs. Mollie Curran called on her  
cousin, Mrs. S. W. Burton last Monday.

### AUNT GULA.

On December 11, 1915 Mary Bradley  
Dixon, beloved wife of Matt Dixon was  
visiting by the angel of death and was  
borne away from this transitory world  
to her eternal home. She was the only  
daughter of Ella Bradley, was married  
about two years. To this union was  
born one child which is only three or  
four months old.

Mary was only 22 years old when  
she sank back into the earth from  
which she sprang. Although the sun of  
life set early, Jesus is the light that is  
never eclipsed and though her earthly  
house has crumbled, Jesus has pre-  
pared a house of many mansions and  
the writer feels that she has entered  
safely there guided by God's own hand.

Mary was always known as a girl of  
great kindness, also a lover of flowers  
and many a time you would see her  
coming with a basket of flowers on her  
arm and a kind greeting for all. What  
a pleasant thought that when we come  
to die the people will show us respect  
by gathering around our bier shedding  
tears and dropping flowers on our cof-  
fin but kind words spoken in the ears  
of a living man, woman or child are  
worth a great deal more than the most  
complimentary utterances over the cof-  
fin of the dead. The time to carry flow-  
ers is when they can be looked upon  
and handled, when their fragrance can  
be inhaled and their beauty enjoyed.  
Were this practiced by every one there  
would be many more smiles instead of  
tears, light in place of darkness. She  
was baptized in July of the present  
year was converted sometime before  
this and her last days seemed to be her  
happiest. She said before her death  
she saw visions of heaven and how can  
we doubt it? So many have claimed  
this. We cannot dispute it and ought  
not. Talmage once says: "It was ev-  
ening and I wanted to go over the river,  
and so I walked my hat and shoul-  
der, and after awhile I saw some one  
waiting on the other side. I heard him  
shout and the boat came across and I  
got in and was transported. And so I  
suppose it will be in the evening of  
life. We will come down to the river  
of death and give a signal to our  
friends and they will signal back and  
the boat will come and our departed  
kindred will be the oarsmen." So,  
mother, husband and relatives, why  
should you weep? She has just gone on  
a little before to join relatives and  
friends on the opposite shore. Think of  
death as life, as a gateway to heaven  
and a rest from the toils and labors  
of this world. If she could speak to you  
her words would be something like  
this, I imagine:

"Who, who would live away from  
from his God, away from you heaven,  
that I should abide where the rivers of  
pleasure flow over the bright plains,  
and the multitude of glory eternally  
rejoice; where the saints of all ages in  
harmony meet, their Savior and brethren  
transported to greet, while the  
songs of salvation exultingly roll and  
the smile of the Lord is the feast of  
the soul?" A FRIEND.

### KAVANAUGH.

Itro, Dawson filled his regular ap-  
pointment at this place last Sunday  
night.

Julie a number of folks at this place  
have severe colds.

Lewis Faulkner of this place was  
visiting Miss Mirtle Turman last Sun-  
day.

"Dad" Powers made a business trip  
to Catlettsburg Monday.

Virgil Shannon has been visiting re-  
latives at Lock No. 2 for the past four  
days.

Mrs. Poly San Francisco, who has  
been visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. P.  
Wright for the past few months, has  
left for Cincinnati where she will visit  
friends and relatives this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Faulkner of this  
place visited the latter's parents at Mt.  
Zion last week.

George Shannon made a flying trip  
to Catlettsburg last Saturday.

Lewis Faulkner was shopping in  
Kavanaugh Monday.

Robert Shannon is absent from  
school this week on account of sick-  
ness.

Jimmie Duskins was a business vis-  
itor in Catlettsburg last Saturday.

W. R. Faulkner made a trip to Buch-  
anan Monday.

Lewis Faulkner is contemplating a  
trip to Catlettsburg this week.

Muncy Duskins made a business trip  
to Buchanan last week.

Bun Wright visited Lewis Faulkner  
last week.

Geo. Shannon was calling on friends  
in Priehard, W. Va., last Sunday.

### CHRISTMAS.

As will doubtless be stated by some  
Morgans creek correspondent, James  
Holly, an aged and much respected citi-  
zen of that place, died on the 19th inst.,  
leaving an aged wife who is an invalid  
and several children and grandchildren  
and other relatives and friends to de-  
plore their loss. Mr. Holly was a model  
citizen, one who strictly attended to his  
own affairs and never meddled with  
the affairs of others, and in his dealings  
he always did unto others as he would  
have others do unto him. His trouble

was bright disease of the kidneys.  
His remains were taken to the Twin  
Branches for interment.

The drilling tools which were lost in  
the Savage well No. 2 some weeks ago  
have not yet been recovered, which is  
quite a drawback to the drilling busi-  
ness in the Savage section of the oil  
field. It is hoped and believed that suc-  
cess will crown the efforts of the work-  
men that are fishing after the bit as  
they say they have a hold on the bit  
and it raised some several feet from the  
bottom of the well. They say it appears  
to be wedged in some way and seems  
to be immovable.

The drilling on the land of Hester  
Carter will be begun early this week  
as everything is in readiness.

Lester's mill is doing a thriving busi-  
ness changing corn into meal for our  
people one day out of each week.

Ben. E. Diamond of whose sickness  
mention was made is slowly improving.  
And Danner Hiffe and the other sick of  
our neighborhood is able to be out.

Charley Carter and Gene Bolt did  
the hauling of the coal for the present  
well on the Savage land.

Our school children are to have a  
Christmas tree at this place and a  
nice time is anticipated.

Carlos Burchett of the Twin Branch  
section was here on business one day  
last week.

Christmas gifts! Send it by mail if  
it's not too heavy.

### COUNTRY GREENHORN.

While sliding the magazine of an  
unloaded gun a boy by the name of  
Lear shot Mrs. Virgie Griffith in the  
arm. For quite awhile amputation  
seemed necessary, but at present it is  
hoped her arm may be saved.

Mrs. Clifford Moore is having a new  
barn built in the place of the one that  
was burned.

J. W. Young was at Blaine Saturday  
collecting taxes.

The stork has visited the home of  
Lester Moore and left a fine boy.

Roscoe Wheeler has moved back to  
his farm on Hood.

The Thanksgiving picnic at Blaine  
was an excellent affair. All enjoyed  
themselves. The Blaine band furnish-  
ed the music.

Hubert Luck has taken charge of  
our barbershop. X. Y. Z.

### NOTICE.

Pursuant to instructions received  
from the Hon. Commissioner of Internal  
Revenue, I proceeded to Dew Drop,  
Elliottsburg, Ky., on November 23, 1915,  
and seized upon Fruit Distillery,

413, operated by John H. Conn for  
violation of Section 4460, of the Fed-  
eral Statutes, or for having taken from  
a barrel containing 44 1/2 gallons brandy  
all but two gallons, some had been  
marked and gauged by a United States  
Gauger and still in the designated  
place of deposit without any tax paid  
stamp attached thereto, and for the  
above reasons, the following describ-  
ed articles named below were seized  
upon and will be sold and the proceeds  
of same after all expenses of selling,  
selling and etc., have been deducted  
therefrom will be placed to the credit  
of the Secretary of the United States  
Treasury, unless claimed by some other  
party and in this event said owner  
or claimant will be required to file  
notice with the Collector or Deputy  
Collector of the 7th Internal Revenue  
District, setting up claim of ownership  
and file bond in the penal sum of \$250  
in the office of 30 days from the time  
first notice is published thereafter,  
said sureties to be approved by Collec-  
tor or Deputy Collector, conditioned  
that, in case of condemnation of the  
articles so seized, the obligors shall  
pay all the costs and expenses of the  
proceedings to obtain such condemna-  
tion, and upon the delivery of such  
bond to the Collector or Deputy Col-  
lector, he shall transmit the same, with  
the duplicate list or description of the  
goods seized, to the United States Dis-  
trict Attorney for the district, and said  
attorney shall proceed thereon in the  
ordinary manner prescribed by law.

List of valuation of distilling appar-  
atus and brandy seized:  
One copper still, complete with cap,  
worm and worm tank, capacity 150  
gallons, valued at \$75.00  
Five empty barrels and one keg, valued  
at \$6.00  
Eleven fermenting tubs, capacity 20  
gallons each, valued at \$25.00  
One cask (33 gallons) apple brandy  
100 per cent proof, valued at \$95.00

Total \$261.00  
Yours,  
C. C. FLANERY,  
Int. Rev. 4 division, 7 Dist. Ky.

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above the mouth of Big Blaine creek  
and have orders from factories for  
furs—opossum, muskrat, house cat, and  
skunk. There are only 4 grades. Some  
have twelve grades to lend the shipper  
astray. We shipped one time 18 opossum  
skins to a house that had 12  
grades, and had quoted opossum pelts  
at \$2.25, making this lot worth \$40.50.  
They sent us check for only \$6.66. If  
you think 12 grade want do you the  
same way, try them. We pay any ship-  
per 50 per cent. In bulk lots of \$25  
worth or more. Shipper can get at our  
fur house. We pay any shipper or trans-  
porter for No. 3 muskrats 20c more than  
he gets by shipping. For No. 2 opos-  
sum 25c more. On war striped skunk  
50c more. We forfeit \$50 when we fail.  
Listen, we pay 1-3 value for old cow  
hides. If the cow is worth \$33 we pay  
\$11 for her hide, if the weight is in the  
hide. No. 1 horsehide, mane and tail  
\$4.75. No. 2, \$2.25. No. 3, \$1.50.  
10 bars Lenox soap for one doz eggs.  
5 lb No. 8 sugar one doz eggs, 4 lb  
No. 6, one doz, 40 lb salt, one doz,  
3 pkgs. Rio coffee for 2 doz. No. 2 Mule  
shoes, 20 round nails, free.

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a fine carriage from the factory and  
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cured. We pay 10c for dressed hog  
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your furs by parcel post. We pay the  
postage and send your money prompt-  
ly. We are the largest dealers in furs  
and hides in Eastern Kentucky, in  
high prices. We help our country ten  
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15 car loads of groceries this year with  
our two little grocery stores. We sell  
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# JOE THE BOOK FARMER

## MAKING GOOD ON THE LAND

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### SYNOPSIS

Joe Weston, fourteen years old, decides to make a success of his father's rundown farm. He reads the latest scientific books. Mr. Somerville, a merchant, agrees to help him.

Joe's father is pessimistic. He sneers at book farming and book farmers. Mr. Somerville, struck with Joe's business ability and ambition, backs him in prize competitions.

Pamperly on the road finger to watch Joe operate. The waiches that were in evidence at first soon give way to looks of surprise. Joe is showing them something as a farmer.

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### CHAPTER V.

#### Joe's Father Intervenes.

JOE could handle a small single horse plow himself, but a two horse turning plow was a bit beyond his strength.

He made a trade with his father, therefore, who agreed to turn the rye under for \$3 on the three acres. He and Baldy, the horses, had been greatly improved by grazing upon the strength giving green food and looked almost like different animals.

The third week in January was bright and dry, so after the rye had been turned under Joe borrowed the harrow and one horse and smoothed the three acres again himself, thus making it fine and level and covering some of the rye that showed in the furrows left by the plow. This acre of oats was not disturbed, and John I. and Mike, the Sullivan pigs, were left in the field to graze upon it.

Saturday morning Mr. Weston hitched up the wagon to go to town, and Joe went with him.

"Well, partner, how's everything coming along?" inquired Mr. Somerville, shaking hands cordially.

"All right, sir. Got the ground in the shape now, and a mighty pretty stand of oats."

"What do you think of Joe as a book farmer now, Tom?" inquired Mr. Somerville, with a sly wink. Mr. Weston looked embarrassed for a moment.

"Think enough of him to follow him some," he said. "I've put in four acres of oats and one of rye I'd never 'a' thought of planting until I seen him do it. Then I've plowed deep five acres also and bedded it up for corn and cotton, only I ain't put no leaves in it or fertilizer. I want to see if there's any thing to all this."

"Now, that's the talk. If there is you are considerably ahead, and if there isn't you haven't lost anything but some time."

"That's the way I figured it."

"Joe, I'm about ready to order the cotton seed and the seed corn," said Mr. Somerville.

"Now, that's another thing," said Tom Weston. "I wanted to see if you'd order the same sort for me and Joe plant. 'Tears to me the corn we raise around here oughter have two ears or hit 'em out of one. The stalks there, an' hit ain't no more trouble to have an extra ear on hit an' get twice as much corn." Joe and Mr. Somerville exchanged brief smiles.

"Why, Tom, you are getting to be a sort of book farmer yourself."

"That ain't no book farming. That's just hoss sense."

"That is all book farming is, just the latest and newest and most reliable common sense, only it is just more common sense than most of us have thought of, that's all."

"What cotton have you selected, Mr. Somerville?" asked Joe.

"A sort the government has tested on ten experiment farms in this latitude for the last four years. It averages three weeks ahead of anything we have, and the staple, or fiber, of the cotton is over an inch long. It is said to be a very heavy bearer also. It ought to bring a fine price if kept free of dirt and trash and stain."

"All right, sir. That's the kind we want."

"Joe, order me enough of that, too, so's I can plant three acres, will you?" asked Tom Weston.

"Glad to do it, Tom. The price is a bit steep, though."

"Don't care what the price is. If it makes cotton like you say it does I can well afford to buy it, and I'll sell the seed myself next fall to folks around here. It beats any cotton ever grown around this country."

"Very well. I'll order enough for you. And, Joe, I've got a corn that will make two ears to the stalk certain, the grower says."

"I'm going to breed me a three and four ear variety," said Joe.

"You're a-goin' to do what?" inquired his father sarcastically.

"Breed a three and four ear variety," Tom Weston laughed. "Folks 'breed' cattle an' sich, but I never heard nothin' of 'breedin' corn," he said.

"How do you suppose this two ear

variety we are going to plant got started, then, Tom?" inquired Mr. Somerville.

"Why—why—er—It is—er—it's just that sort of corn," he stammered.

"Certainly it is, but why did it happen to be that sort?"

"Well, I'm blamed if I know, to tell the truth about it."

"If you'd read some of Joe's books you'd find out a lot of things you don't know. Now tell your dad, Joe, how you are going to 'breed' a three ear corn."

Joe was embarrassed, but plunged bravely in.

"It takes several years to do it, daddy. Now, this seed corn we are getting is 'fixed' at two ears to the stalk—we can depend on that much. If we give it all the plant food it can take some of it is going to show three ears, but the third ear is not going to be much more than nubblins."

"Well, I don't see no advantage in them nubblins."

"Yes, sir, nubblins are good to feed hogs on, but if we go through that field and pick out the best stalks with three ears on them and then pick the most perfect ears from the lot and plant the seed from them next year, the nubblins will be bigger, and more of them on an average, and maybe some of the stalks will show—show—"

"Rudimentary ears," said Mr. Somerville.

"Thanks; I couldn't remember it, but it means just the beginning of an ear—not developed. Then, if the best of those stalks is saved for seed, next year the rudimentary ears will be larger."

"I begin to sort of catch on now," said Tom Weston.

"Each year the selected seed, the best of the last year's crop, will in time produce a perfect third ear, and several years of this work will 'fix' the habit of the corn so that every stalk can be depended on to bring three ears. Then a person can keep on."

"Well, if that ain't the plumb limit."

"No, sir; not the limit. I'm going to have a four ear corn before I quit."

"You reckon all that is really true?" asked Tom Weston.

"Of course it is, Tom. It has been proved too many times to doubt it. It is just a question of care and patience."

"Well, well, well! Why, if Joe gets that corn up to four ears he's got a pretty good thing, ain't he?"

"Got a fortune. It would sell for \$5 a bushel for seed."

"Whew!"

"And a four ear corn ought to make 200 bushels to the acre without a bit of trouble, and 300 bushels at \$5 is \$1,000 an acre. Isn't it dad?" His father gazed at him with unwonted respect.

"Think I'll borrow some of them books of yours and do some readin' myself," said Tom, "but I never had no chance when I was a chap, an' readin' is powerful slow work for me. I've done mighty little of it too."

"You can't start any sooner, Tom," said the merchant.

"That's right. I just learned that much."

"I came in to talk to you about that fourth ear, Mr. Somerville," said Joe.

"Our jam potato one?"

"Yes, sir. We ought to raise more than potatoes on it."

"Can we?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then it's our duty to do it. We ought to do it."

"I thought so, but you're my partner, and I thought you ought to have a say about it."

"Well, I say plant it, but I don't know what to suggest—early corn?"

"No, sir; couldn't get that off in time. I was thinking of putting in a crop of extra early English peas and snap beans and radishes and getting them off in time to plant the potatoes. We don't have to plant them until along in June."

"That ain't fair, that's truck growin'," said Mr. Weston.

"Don't care what you call it. It's making money out of the ground," asserted Joe.

"Seems to be a pretty good idea to me, except we can't sell all that stuff around here."

"Nearly everybody in Brierfield's got gardens and wouldn't pay fancy prices for garden snags now," said Joe's father.

"I know that, daddy, but I'm going to let Mr. Somerville do the selling. If he'll get me the right sort of crates and boxes to pack those things in he can express them to Chicago and St. Louis and Cincinnati and come right in behind the Florida truck, and we ought to get good prices."

"I'll order the crates and boxes and get in correspondence with some good produce houses in those cities."

"All right, sir—and please save the sugar barrels from the store here."

"What for?"

"Pack radishes in 'em. Take an angel and bore holes for ventilation and fill the barrels with bunches of radishes and some ice mixed in, and then lack cloth over the top."

"Now, who told you that?"

"Old Mr. Schneider. He stopped at my farm one day. He used to be a truck farmer before he got too old. He suggested the peas and things."

"Joe, one thing about being educated is to enable you to see the worth of a suggestion. Come to think about it, I

conceive there is good money in early garden truck, and we'll try it out and see. What seed do you want?"

"I wish and a half of the Alaska pea; that's about the earliest sort that's a standard, so Mr. Schneider says, and it don't have to be stuck with brush for the vines to run on; also a bushel of the Valentine stringless green pod snap beans and two quarts of white tipped French breakfast radish."

"Very well; I will order tonight."

Getting a new hoe, rake, ball of ear-



"Thanks, Jim, but to be plumb plain about it, by gosh, I've quit."

center's twine and a sack of commercial fertilizer adapted to vegetables, Joe loaded them in his father's wagon. Just as Mr. Weston climbed in Jim Sullivan rode up and hitched his horse to the Somerville Mercantile company rack.

"What's yer hurry, Tom?"

"Well, I've got some things to 'tend to at home."

"Aw, wait awhile. I've got a gallon of bugles—th' real old genowine red-eye—a comin' on 't noon train."

"Munch obliged, Jim, but—"

"We can draw our sorrier some, Tom."

"I ain't a-feelin' sorrier today, Jim; besides, I promised the missus I'd fix a pig for her."

"Say, hol' on, Tom, an' git a couple of snorts of that booze."

"Thanks, Jim, but to be plumb plain about it, by gosh, I've quit. I've wasted too much time an' money foolin' with it. That's one reason I'm as poor as a snake now and ain't got nothin' so I jes' allowed I'd try another tack Goodby."

The Weston wagon rattled on down the street, leaving Jim Sullivan staring in wide eyed amazement at the cloud of dust in the wake of his old crony of other days.

April 15 the last of the peas and radishes were shipped. Two thousand bunches of radishes at 3 cents a bunch brought \$60, less \$11 expense for picking, bunching, washing, packing and commission to the dealers.

Sixty bushels of English peas at \$2 a bushel brought \$120, with expense for seed, help, picking, etc., including commissions of \$38; total profit thus far, with the snap beans yet to hear from \$131.

On the 1st Mr. Somerville had brought three disinterested men from town, who measured the corn acre exactly, put down the stakes and told Joe to "go ahead." He had two weeks previously measured the acre himself, opened the furrows for the corn and put some commercial fertilizer in so that the young corn could get a sturdy, vigorous start. He also planted a bit late so there would be no danger of cold nights chilling the corn and giving it a backset. The fertilizer in two weeks' time was largely absorbed into the ground, and so there was no danger of its concentrated strength burning the roots of the tender plants, yet the necessary elements were there ready for the hungry baby rootlets.

The measurements of the committee were exactly the same as Joe had made, so he commenced dropping the seed corn, four grains every three feet and the rows three feet apart. The committee lounged under the oaks across the road.

When the corn had been dropped in the furrows Joe had old Baldy ready hitched to a light plow and ran a shallow furrow next to the seed furrow. This threw the dirt over the corn and covered it properly.

Then the committee adjourned with him to the house and certified upon the blank furnished by the corn club contestants for the report and record that they had seen Joseph Weston plant his acre of corn and cover it himself. They signed it, Joe signed it, and the light was on.

From thenceforward, under the rules of the contest, no other hand than his own might touch that corn until it was safely gathered and housed. The rules permitted him to employ help in preparing the ground, but every cent paid out had to be entered on the record sheet, the prize being not only for the boy who made the greatest crop, but at the least cost.

### CHAPTER VI.

#### Some Close Figuring.

IT'S far Joe had spent on the corn acre: For leaves, 40 cents, having hired Abe Lincoln for two days on that work, but the other day was charged to the cotton, which was not a contest crop; work scraping fertilizer from the lot, 40 cents. His father did not charge him for the fertilizer, offsetting the graz-

ing of the horses on the rye and some work Joe did against it. The breaking of the acre cost \$2; seed rye, \$3; turning it under, \$1; a hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer, \$1.50; seed corn, \$1; total, \$9.50.

As the rest of the four acres was not in competition Joe hired Abe Lincoln whenever he needed him, which was constantly now. Abe had got interested.

"You know, Mister Joe," said Abe Lincoln one day, "whut's de matter wid us niggers is, we don't know nothin', en ef we does know we're too lazy to do nothin' wid hit."

"Lots of white folks in the same fix," answered Joe.

"Yasser, I knows dat, but I been aggerin' on all dis yer doin's, an' I made de chileen at home help me tote leaven an' trash, an' fertilizer from de stable an' cow lot, en' I got me er acre too. I spees ter have somethin' some er dese days meself."

"That's exactly what I am going to do, Link, and if I can help you in any way—"

"Oh, you helps me by hirlin' me. I goes home an' does whut you does."

"What are you going to plant on your acre, Link?"

"Well, sah, I's a plumb fool er haul sweet taters, dese yer sweet, honey-like yaller ones dat jes' melts in yo' mouf w'en dey's cooked wid er nice fat possum, an' plenty er dat rich gravy ter soak 'em in. Man, I's gwine ter try ter eat up dat whole acre er taters meself."

"You'll have quite a job. You ought to follow the potatoes with turnips this fall."

"Yasser, I is—er er good patch er colihds too. Hen next year dat groun' gwine ter make a bale er cotton sho!"

The acre of cotton was planted a day or so after the corn. Then began the rush to get the snap beans to market. Thirty bushels at \$1.40, with an expense of \$12 for picking, crating, hauling and commissions, left a profit of \$30. This added to the amount received brought the total on the sweet potato acre up to \$181, and the commission merchant wrote to Mr. Somerville desiring to handle the next year's crop, saying that he had never had a nicer, fresher or more desirable lot of vegetables.

Joe exhibited the bank book to his father with a good deal of pride.

"Well, by gum, Joe, half of that's yours, ain't it?"

"Yes, sir; I've cleared \$80.50 as my part of that acre, and we will get a good crop of potatoes off it too."

"Why, my-gracious, you've made more money off that acre of truck than an acre of cotton brings around here—yes, more'n three times as much!"

The pea vines were pulled up, the remains of the radishes and the bean vines were fed to the pigs, which were thriving wonderfully in a large dry pen built by Mr. Weston.

The vegetable rows were then plowed up and bedded into rows five feet apart. Joe had bought a bushel of the rich yellow yams—"pumpkin yams"—they were called—earlier in the season and bedded them in a dry, warm place to sprout. He took the sprouts off as they showed above the ground and got three rows.

In a few weeks they commenced to make vines and cover the spaces between the rows. One cloudy day when it looked like rain Joe and Link began to cut the vines into two foot lengths; then, pinching the ends together, the cuttings were doubled into the ground about six inches deep, and the remainder of the acre was planted. A gentle rain fell all that night, and in a few days roots sprang from every leaf joint beneath the soil, and the acre was planted without further cost for seed.

About May 10 Joe went over his corn with a hoe and pulled from each hill the two weakest stalks. A hard rain pelted the soil a few days later and necessitated another working to break the crust.

Then Joe and Link had to "chop out" the cotton. The seed was planted thickly to insure a "stand," and the object of the chopping out was to remove the surplus plants, leaving one about every two feet in the row.

As soon as this was done the oats were ready to cut, and the two boys tackled the job with hand sickles, twisting a few of the oat stalks about each bundle and turning the ends under so as to tie them. Five hundred and fifty bundles of oats at 4 cents a bundle brought \$22 more. Then Joe turned the oat stubble under and bedded the acre for Mexican June corn.

He put Link to work hoeing the cotton and killing the luxuriantly growing crab grass, which was making faster progress than the crop. His prize here of corn was getting grassy also, and the corn was about waist high. It was time for more fertilizer. He scattered a generous handful about each hill, then with a light plow run twice down the middle of each row threw the loose dirt toward the stalks and covered the fertilizer. A good rain fell next day, and one could almost see that corn grow.

Two days later, when the ground was dry enough, Joe ran a furrow through the "beds" he had thrown up where the oats were and planted the Mexican June corn, fertilizing with a hundred pounds of the commercial stimulant placed in the rows. As soon as this was done the potatoes needed a plowing and got it, then an application of fertilizer to the cotton and a plowing such as he had given the corn.

The days were lousy ones for Joe and his father. Both were out of bed by daylight, to meet only at mealtimes and at night. Somehow Mr. Weston seemed to have taken a new lease on life and a better grip on everything. He had plowed the garden and diked the fences, and for the first time since Joe could remember the family had an abundance of all sorts of vegetables.

Now that the rough work of plowing the garden was over Mrs. Weston claimed that and the chickens and two pigs and the cow as her special province, assisted by Annie. The out of doors exercise was good for both of them, and they looked healthier and happier than Joe had ever seen them before.

The meals used to be silent, gloomy occasions where each one finished and left as soon as possible; now when the family met it was a joyous occasion, and each one seemed to have something amusing and cheerful to tell.

"Son, aren't you going to take a rest day after tomorrow?" asked his mother one day in mid-June.

"Well, I could; everything is getting along nicely and won't need another working until next week. What's up?"

"It's your birthday, and your father and I and Annie thought we'd make a holiday of it."

"I declare, I have been so busy I forgot it!" laughed Joe.

"I didn't," said his mother.

The subject was dropped, but on that morning Joe was allowed to sleep until 8 o'clock, a most unusual thing for him. Then the wagon was ready, and the whole family climbed in for a day at Magnolia Dell, some five miles distant.

There was a beautiful large spring at the Dell, which fed a clear, small lake, famous for its fish. Poles were provided, crickets caught for bait, and soon the party was busy landing sun perch, blue bream and rock bass. A frying pan had been brought along, with salt, meal and lard. At dinner time the abundance of fish was prepared for cooking. Joe got three good sized stones to set the frying pan on and built a fire.

When the fat was almost boiling the fish were rolled in the meal, salted and dropped in. In a few minutes each one was cooked to a crisp, golden brown.

The dinner in the basket Mrs. Weston had provided was a fine one to supplement the fish. A pitcher of lemonade made from the icy water of the spring and flavored with sprigs of mint from its edges completed the repast, partaken of with keen appetites whetted by the zest of novelty.

After lounging about on the mossy carpet beneath the great magnolia trees in pleasant laziness both Joe and his father fell asleep, each with a bundle of fragrant fern for a pillow. While they slept—Mrs. Weston and Annie washed the dinner things, packed them in the wagon and caught a pretty good string of perch for the morning's breakfast. It was nearly 6 o'clock when the tired men folks awakened from their nap.

"Come on, Joe; let's have a swim; then we've got to be hitching up to go home," said his father.

Down at the lower end of the lake was a famous swimming hole, with firm, sandy bottom and a springboard to dive from. Both went into the water at once, and after a good swim and a brisk rundown each felt as if he were treading on air when he walked.

Dusk had fallen over the land when they got out of the deep shadows of the woods about the lake. In the mysterious recesses of the forest a little screech owl gave its shivering cry again and again. The whippoorwill in the distance kept advising the whippoorwill of "poor Will," while others listed that they were "just poor Will's widow."

Katydid were arguing with one another that Katie did—or she didn't—never ending controversy. A great owl in a giant cypress tree among the long festoon of gray Spanish moss wanted to know "Who—who who cooks for you, ah?" Back in the lake among the marshy edges and lily pads the bullfrogs began their sonorous choruses:

"Deep—very deep, very deep—deep!"

"Not very. Not very! Not very!"

"Jug—er—runt! Jug—er—runt! Jug—er—runt!"

"Deep—so deep—deep!"

Myriads of great gleaming fireflies danced in the denser shades. In the east, as the wagon rolled beyond the confines of the forest, the immense, ruddy full moon hung just above the horizon of field and meadow.

"Oh, isn't it beautiful!" exclaimed Annie and her mother in one breath.

With the cool air of night came scents of woods and fields, the odors of wild flowers, of growing things. The air here became heavy with the perfume of yellow jessamine; farther on, the scent of magnolia blossoms. Suddenly from high above them a flood of rippling melody seemed to make the moonbeams vibrate.

"The mocking bird!" cried Joe. "It's the sweetest music in the world, for it is the best of the songs of all the other birds, improved by the mocking bird himself!"

The joyous rascal seemed to hover above them in the enchanted silvery radiance, for as the wagon rolled in the gate at home the liquid notes of the sweetest songster of the south followed faintly, as if in echo to the memory of a perfect day.

Joe's four acre "farm" was now one of the show places of the neighborhood. The county road ran by it, and almost any time of day could be seen a wagon, a team on horseback or some one afoot under the shade of the big oak on the other side, which extended its branches almost across the highway.

"Well, did you ever see such corn?"

"Why, that corn's so green till it's almost black—and stalk as big as my wrist now!"

"Int, man alive, look at that cotton!"

"Aw, shucks, don't tell me that boy of Tom Weston's growed all that stuff himself. I believe some of them government fellers is doin' it."

"What you reckon he's done to that ground in the little field? Looks different from that outside."

"Is different, I' granny; that outside

won't hardly grow ragweeds, that look how poor it is."

"Hey, sonny," the man who said the government was doing the work called to Joe, "what you fertilizin' with?"

"Brains!" called Joe as he resumed. The corn was now higher than Joe's head, and as he worked in it, effectually concealed from view, he heard many amusing conversations regarding himself and the crop.

He noticed that the corn was throwing out a circle of short blunt points, or stems, each about as large around as a slate pencil, from the two joints just above the surface of the ground. Joe did not understand what they were.

He looked through his book about agriculture, his government reports, the state bulletins. Nowhere did he find a word about corn throwing out a radiating circle of blunt spikes from the lower joints. He was afraid to let the subject drop for fear the corn was not doing properly. He never remembered seeing anything of the sort before, but then he reflected that he had never noticed corn very closely before.

He walked down the path leading to a distant field where his father was working to ask him if he knew anything about it. There were a few corn stalks standing in the edge of last year's cornfield. He parted the rank tangle of weeds about them in the hope of finding something there that would enlighten him.

The old cornstalks had the same things on them, only much longer, a double ring of them, but each spike had curved downward and entered the soil. Carefully Joe dug some of the dirt away with his knife blade—and he had the secret!

Those rings of spikes were additional main roots, which when they made connection with the ground sent out a network of smaller feeders to gather what the plant needed



